

Gold dips to \$737.5 per ounce

LONDON, Jan. 22 (R) — Gold plunged by almost \$140 an ounce on bullion markets Tuesday in its sharpest-ever decline, raising immediate questions as to whether the gold price boom was over.

The gold price was fixed Tuesday afternoon on the important London market at \$737.50 an ounce after hitting as low as \$728 at one point.

Dealers attributed the fall to profit-taking and fears of government curbs on gold dealing after the metal touched its latest record high of \$875 an ounce in New York Monday night. Tuesday's London afternoon fix was nearly \$100 down on Monday night's closing price of \$834, itself almost \$300 up on the price three weeks ago.

Dealers said the decline in the price of gold started after the New York Commodity Exchange took action to dampen speculation in silver, whose price, like gold's had risen to unprecedented levels in recent weeks.

This raised fears of similar moves over gold.

West Germany also extended some of its controls on foreign exchange dealings to government metals Monday.

Tuesday's tumble came amid reports from the office of the U.S. Comptroller of Currency in Washington that he was studying the role of banks in the gold market to see whether restraining action was necessary.

Gold opened in London and Zurich Tuesday at around \$835 an ounce before falling rapidly in active and heavy trading, dealers said.

Gold dealers have consistently maintained there will be technical adjustments in the bullion price as speculators take profits at the high, very volatile levels of the past few days.

In the longer term, some dealers predict a gold price in four figures.

Investors traditionally turn to gold in times of political stress. Pushing up the price the past few days was the fear the Soviets are planning a drive to control the Middle East oil area to strangle Western energy supplies.

Qatar ruler gets note from Khaled

DOHA, Jan. 22 (SPA) — The ruler of Qatar, Sheikh Khalifa bin Hamad Al Thani received a verbal message from King Khaled Tuesday. It was conveyed by Dr. Milhem, minister of state, who had earlier delivered a similar message to the President of the United Arab Emirates Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan.

In Riyadh Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al Faisal received the PLO representative in the Kingdom and the ambassadors of the Netherlands and Denmark.

No details were given on the message or the meeting with the PLO official.

But Saudi Arabia has taken the lead in the Arab world in opposing the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan, and the first country to announce a boycott of the Moscow Olympic games.

Saudi Arabia's position is that Afghan rebels fighting the Marxist government need all possible assistance.

Embassy in Cairo Hilton

PLO calls for strike

BEIRUT, Jan. 22 (R) — The Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) has called for a general strike throughout the Arab world on Jan. 26 in protest against the opening of the Egyptian-Israeli borders that day.

A statement issued by the PLO Executive Committee and quoted by the Palestine news agency Wafa called on Arabs and Palestinians "to express indignation, and condemnation of this treason with various methods, including a general strike on that ill-fated day."

In Tel Aviv, Prime Minister Menachem Begin Tuesday said Israel's first ever embassy in Egypt will be set up temporarily in a central Cairo hotel until permanent quarters are found.

Begin told the Knesset (parliament) foreign affairs and defense committee that 11 rooms at Cairo's Hilton Hotel will serve as Israel's interim embassy when Israel and Egypt officially inaugurate diplomatic relations next week.

An Egyptian mission is expected to arrive in Israel to select the location of its embassy in Tel Aviv.

The two countries will exchange ambas-

sadors on Feb. 26.

In Cairo Egyptian Defense Minister Kamal Hassan Ali, greeting his Israeli counterpart Ezer Weizman, reaffirmed Tuesday the peace agreement would be carried out in "good faith."

Weizman arrived in Cairo for three days of talks with Egyptian military officials about Israel's last interim withdrawal scheduled for Jan. 25 which will leave Egypt with three-fourths of the Sinai occupied in the 1967 war.

"It is part of normalization that my arrival is just a natural thing," Weizman said in an airport statement. "We don't have many problems to discuss so we will be each other's company."

Ali in a statement, said "implementation of the peace treaty is being carried out on good faith between our two countries. Under the agreement, diplomatic relations will be established one day after Israel's last interim withdrawal."

He added that the Palestinian autonomy negotiations, currently bogged down, would also be a topic of their talks.

A crisis atmosphere has beset the eight-month-old talks after Egypt rejected Israel's ideas for the structure of a self-rule authority in the West Bank and Gaza Strip where 1.5 million Palestinians live.

During a brief press conference after a meeting with his Egyptian counterpart, the Israeli defense minister pointed out that it "was natural for problems to pop up in the implementation of the Camp David accords. The treaty ended 30 years of war between the two sides."

"If anyone expected that two countries like Egypt and Israel to normalize things and have peace without any problems he must be an ultra-optimist," he said "I am just an optimist."

U.S. to give Egypt military aid

CAIRO, Jan. 22 (Agencies) — Egyptian Vice President Hosni Mubarak presented Tuesday a detailed report to President Anwar Sadat on his talks with President Jimmy Carter who pledged to provide Egypt with its military needs, the semi-official newspaper *Al-Ahram* reported.

It said Mubarak asked the United States to provide Egypt with all its military needs regardless of its cost.

Carter told Mubarak that he would seek Congressional approval for the funds needed, the newspaper said.

Mubarak accordingly presented a list of the arms needed in Egypt, the newspaper said without giving further details.

However, U.S. government officials said the United States has offered Egypt a multi-billion-dollar package of military aid credit, making a major commitment to help modernize Egypt's armed forces.

The offer includes top-of-the-line F-16 fighter planes and M-60 tanks, whose inclusion has raised Israeli objections, said the sources, who declined to be named.

The offer, presented to Mubarak last week, would provide Egypt a bit more than \$1 billion in military credits over two years, starting in the fiscal year that begins Oct. 1, the sources said. Tentatively, the administration has offered to add \$800 million per year in credits for three years, starting in 1982.

700,000 flee to Pakistan

BONN, Jan. 22 (R) — About 700,000 Afghan refugees have fled to Pakistan and the number could rise to one million by the end of next month, a West German Red Cross official said Tuesday.

Many refugees made weeks-long treks to cross a largely uncontrolled section of the border to reach Pakistan and children were the main victims of the sub-zero temperatures, Berno Hoffmann, who recently returned from an inspection tour of the area, told a press conference.

"The number of refugees could be expected to reach one million by the beginning of March," he said.

Many refugees refused shelter because they did not want to split up the family and slept in the open, he said, describing the situa-

tion as "catastrophic."

The West German Red Cross has sent 11,000 blankets, 5,000 jackets and 1,200 food rations, he said. Most have gone to two camps in northern Pakistan which contain between 80,000 and 100,000 people.

But fighting continued as Afghan rebels killed as many as 50 Soviets in a recent surprise attack near a northern Afghanistan town, U.S. intelligence sources said Monday.

Reports also indicate the rebels captured 10 or 12 Soviet troops, who were said to have been off-duty attending a public event near the town of Sharif when the tribesmen struck.

Rebels also were reported to have blown up two bridges in other areas, stalling Soviet road traffic for about three days.

These incidents were cited by U.S. sources

to illustrate difficulties they said the Soviets are having with rebel resistance.

Total Soviet casualties in dead, wounded, captured and missing could come to about 2,000 men, the sources said. Of these, about 50 are believed to have been taken prisoner by the rebels. Their fate is unknown.

According to the latest estimate, there are about 76,000 Soviet troops in Afghanistan.

Meanwhile, Kabul's new Soviet-backed government has begun a campaign to weaken the insurgent movement and maintain the split in its ranks.

Kabul radio, in a broadcast monitored in Pakistan last night, said ousted President Hafizullah Amin had negotiated an alliance with insurgent leader Gulbuddin Hekmatyar to form a new government before his overthrow in a Soviet-backed coup on Dec. 27.

The radio said Gulbuddin Hekmatyar, leader of one of the biggest rebel groups in Peshawar, a faction of the Islamic Fundamentalist Organization Hezbe Islami Afghanistan, had agreed to be Amin's prime minister and eliminate two other major insurgent leaders.

Gulbuddin Hekmatyar today denied the report and described it as unbelievable and an attempt to confuse the Afghan people.

His aides said all his family had been arrested when Amin was prime minister under Kabul's first Soviet-backed leader, Noor Muhammad Tarakki, and their fate was unknown.

The Hezbe Islami group is one of the most uncompromising rebel groups and opposed every Afghan government. It is fanatically Islamic and wants to establish an Islamic Republic in Afghanistan which would limit the franchise to devout men.

Gulbuddin Hekmatyar's Hezbe Islami faction is currently involved in negotiations with six other Peshawar-based rebel groups to form a common organization.

Rebel spokesmen said agreement had been reached in principle and details were being worked out. Earlier attempts to unite the disparate groups failed but the Soviet intervention has given the unity talks a new impetus.

In New Delhi, U.N. Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim said Tuesday he was cutting short an Asian tour and returning to New York because of the Afghanistan situation.

He said that he had cancelled a scheduled visit to Nepal Wednesday and would leave instead for Islamabad for talks about Afghanistan with the Pakistan government on his way back to New York.

Waldheim, who arrived in Delhi on Tuesday for a U.N. Development Conference, said he had discussed with Indira Gandhi what he called the serious situation in the region.

"We are very concerned about this situation and hope that a peaceful solution can be reached," he said.

The U.N. Secretary-General said that he had also discussed Iran with Mrs. Gandhi.

Waldheim, who visited Iran earlier this month, said on Tuesday he would not hesitate to visit Tehran again if this could help secure the release of the Americans held hostage in the U.S. embassy there since Nov. 4.

Asked if he had discussed the question of new U.S. arms for Pakistan with Mrs. Gandhi, the U.N. chief said all aspects had been covered.



President Carter

In State of Union Address

Carter to bolster defenses

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22 (AP) — President Jimmy Carter has pledged to work for a "strong, unsurpassed defense capability" in his fourth year in office and said he expects progress this year in reducing inflation, which he called the United States' most serious economic problem.

"We must pay whatever price is required to remain the strongest nation in the world," the president said in a 75-page State of the Union message he sent to the Congress Monday.

Even so, he appeared to be extending an olive branch to the Khomeini regime, trying to line it up with Pakistan and other U.S. allies, new and old, in an anti-Soviet front.

Carter's remarks also appeared to suggest he might take retributive action against Iran provided the hostages are released unharmed.

In the message, he outlined U.S. global goals as he saw them for the 1980's in this order:

1. Building the military strength of the United States and its allies and friends. He said neither the Soviet Union nor any other nation should "have reason to question or will to sustain the strongest and most flexible defense forces."

2. An act of diplomacy bent on resolving disputes by peaceful means "and to make any aggressor pay a heavy price."

3. Resolving energy, inflation and other

economic problems through expanded trade and development assistance.

4. Vigorous support for building democratic institutions and protecting human rights. "We are deeply convinced," he said, "that the future lies not with dictatorship but democracy."

5. A deep commitment to arms control. He said his decision to postpone Senate action on the SALT II treaty, which was to limit U.S. and Soviet long-range bombers and continental ballistic missiles, does not mean he has abandoned it.

In looking at the world, Carter seemed preoccupied with Soviet power, which he said had grown faster than U.S. might over the past two decades.

In this regard, he said the entire subcontinent of Asia and specifically Pakistan is threatened by "the destruction of the independence of the Afghanistan's government and the occupation by the Soviet Union" of a former buffer state.

Therefore, Carter said, he is asking Congress "as the first order of business to pass an economic and aid package to help Pakistan defend itself."

Administration officials have already disclosed Carter has in mind \$400 million in military and economic aid beginning immediately and spread over two years.

Pakistan's President Muhammad Zia Ul-Haq has dismissed the amount as "peanuts."

116 passengers killed

Rescue team picks up plane crash victims

LASHGARAK, Iran, Jan. 22 (R) — Helicopters are being sent to pick up bodies from the wreck of an Iran Air Boeing 727 which smashed into a rugged mountain peak north of Tehran Monday night killing all 116 passengers and eight crew on board.

Revolutionary guards in this mountain village said there were no survivors when the plane crashed in dense fog over the snow-covered Elborz mountains during a scheduled domestic flight from the eastern city of Mashad.

Rescue workers said early Tuesday that about 80 bodies had so far been recovered

from the blazing wreckage, a three-and-a-half-hour trek on foot from the nearest road.

The special representative of Ayatollah Khomeini in the Lashgarak area said it had been impossible to bring the bodies down the snowbound slopes to waiting ambulances, and they returned empty to Tehran.

Hassan Moshari, the Ayatollah's representative, said he had asked for helicopters to come this morning to pick up the charred bodies. Most of the victims found so far were women, he said.

Revolutionary guards sealed off roads leading to the crash area and the state radio appealed to relatives of the dead not to try to approach the scene.

Villagers said they saw a flash light up the sky followed by the noise of the impact.

One guard who reached the wreckage said: "As we approached the plane we heard someone screaming. But when we got there we found nobody alive."

Tito recovering, doctors say

BELGRADE, Jan. 22 (AP) — President Josip Broz Tito was reported Tuesday to be in good general health and recovering "gradually" from the amputation of his left leg.

The 87-year-old Yugoslav leader remained in a Slovenian medical clinic where his leg was amputated Sunday in an effort to avoid fatal complications from a blood circulation blockage.

"The general condition of health of president of the republic Josip Broz Tito is good also during the second postoperative day," said the medical bulletin carried by the national news agency Tanjug.

"President Tito is gradually recovering after the surgical intervention," it said.

The latest bulletin appeared to reflect the caution with which the doctors were expected

to watch over their elderly patient in the first days after the operation.

Tito's general health has been described a good in similar brief bulletins ever since Tito entered the Ljubljana hospital Jan. 12 and underwent earlier surgery which failed to relieve the blockage.

Doctors have not disclosed the extent of the amputation and their midday two-sentence advisory provided no details of Tito's condition or treatment.

Tito has not been seen publicly since Jan. 6, when the national news agency provided a photograph showing him with doctors at a Slovenian castle residence.

A week's unsuccessful effort to relieve his condition with medication followed the Jan. 6 meeting.

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National Guard college to be named for King

RIYADH, Jan. 22 (SPA) — The National Guard's new military college will be named King Khaled Military College, it was announced here Tuesday.

Prince Abdullah, the second deputy premier and commander of the National Guard, has received a letter from the King containing his approval of naming the college after him.

The new college for which a contract was signed in early 1978, is estimated to be costing nearly SR460 million. The project is Danish farm official will arrive for talks

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, Jan. 22 — Danish Agriculture Minister Paul Dalsager is due to arrive here Friday for talks on cooperation in agriculture and dairy farming.

Last year Minister of Agriculture and Water Dr. Abdul Rahman Al Al-Sheikh signed two agreements covering Danish consultancy services to the ministry during a three-day visit to Denmark. He also visited Argentina during the same week, the first Saudi Arabian minister to visit that country.

At a press conference in Copenhagen Dr. Sheikh said Saudi Arabia was adopting the most advanced technology in developing its agriculture and animal husbandry.

Danish Ambassador Paul Bent Sander-gaard said then that the two countries were seeking closer cooperation through Danish technology "because the problems that faced Denmark twenty years ago confront Saudi Arabia today, in particular shortage of labor."

"That's why Denmark depends heavily on capital-intensive farming. Saudi Arabia could benefit from our experience despite the vast differences in climatic conditions," he said.

Denmark has already built seven dairy farms and Danish experts are working at the Ministry of Agriculture.

A large Danish delegation of experts has been in Riyadh for sometime consulting with Saudi Arabian experts on specific areas for cooperation, according to Olebrix Anderson, counselor at the Danish Embassy here.

Anderson told Arab News Tuesday the experts will identify areas with which the ministers will deal in detail.

expected to be completed by October or November.

The 186,000 square meters on which the college is being built will hold all buildings and installations to train cadets as capable officers of the National Guard.

Cadets, the teaching staff and their families will be housed on the premises.

In a separate educational development, Sheikh Hassan Abdullah Al Al-Sheikh, minister of higher education and chancellor of the universities, chaired a senate meeting of the University of Petroleum and Minerals in Dhahran Tuesday.

The participants included Sheikh Hisham Nazer, minister of planning; Dr. Bakr Abdullah Bakr, vice-chancellor of UPM; Dr. Mansour Al-Turki, vice-chancellor of the University of Riyadh; Dr. Mahmoud Safar, deputy minister in the Ministry of Higher Education, and members of the senate.

Dr. Saleh Abdullah Bakrehab, secretary general of UPM, said after the meeting that the senate approved the university's account for fiscal year 1978/79 and its budget for 1980/81. It also approved a decision to increase the living allowance of married students from SR500 to SR1,000 per month.

The senate also discussed a temporary building for an electronics teaching program, Bakrehab added.

Riyadh traders told to use Arabic names

RIYADH, Jan. 22 — Riyadh Mayor Sheikh Abdullah Al-Naim has "declared war" on shopkeepers using foreign names for their shops, Al-Jazirah reported Tuesday.

He warned owners of shops, cafes and restaurants that those alien names for their concerns to change them immediately. The municipality will have a chance to those people to substitute Arabic names. If not, the municipality will have no other alternative but to literally destroy signs on the shops.

Naim said the problem was discussed at a meeting he held with the heads of branch municipalities. He believed that shopkeepers chose foreign names because they were not sufficiently familiar with Islamic history, which is full of glorious names. They just pointlessly imitate the West.



SIGNING: Sheikh Roush Mansour Roush, director-general of meteorology, signs an agreement on cooperation in improving meteorological services among Gulf littoral states in Jeddah Monday. The accord was first proposed by the Kingdom in 1977.

On three routes

Jeddah buses to roll soon

JEDDAH, Jan. 22 (SPA) — Public transport services will begin there next month. Saudi Public Transport Company buses will first operate in three routes around the city's ring road and to and from Mecca. Jeddah Traffic Director Lt. Col. Assad Abdul Karim said that the services will ease traffic in Jeddah.

Meanwhile, in Riyadh, Communications Minister Sheikh Hussein Mansouri said Tuesday that construction of the northern part of the ring road around Riyadh will start immediately.

It will link the ring road to Dirriyah Road at the intersection with Riyadh University and Rawda off Khurais Road.

The minister said that designs for the remaining 90 kilometers of the ring road have almost been completed and that work on the project will begin soon. He added that Crown Prince Fahd had ordered that the northern section of the road be given to Saudi Arabian firms.

He said that the road will have four lanes in each direction separated by an eight meter wide island. It will connect with all populated and commercial areas on its route. Trucks and tankers will not have to go through the city itself, thus easing traffic and avoiding jams. Pollution and noise will also be reduced. It will also be useful for fire engines, ambulances and squad cars.

In a separate development Tuesday, Sheikh Lt. Col. Abdul Rahman ibn Rashed Al-Khalifa, director of Bahrain's General Traffic Department, was received by Interior Minister Prince Naif and Deputy Governor of Riyadh Prince Sattam. They discussed security and traffic problems.

Earlier in the day the Bahraini visitor toured the Interior Security Forces Academy and praised the high standard of traffic men in Saudi Arabia.

In the meantime, interviewed by Al-Medina Tuesday, Kamel Qommosani, director for land and expropriations in Jeddah Municipality, said that Crown Prince Fahd's order to give land plots to all Saudi Arabians unable to buy them will be carried out within a month.

He also said that SR350,000 had been set aside for expropriations to widen streets behind Jeddah's Rush Housing Project, to avoid traffic congestion when people move into the buildings.

But he complained that his department was under-staffed and asked the public to have patience and help officials who are trying to satisfy everyone.

He said that compensation totalling SR574,609,318 had been paid to property owners as a result of expropriation. Work on Crown Prince Fahd, Sobail, Shabak Al-

Yamani meets Finn to discuss relations

RIYADH, Jan. 22 (SPA) — Minister of Petroleum and Mineral Resources Sheikh Ahmad Zaki Yamani Tuesday met Finnish Minister of Industry and Trade Uis Sundqvist, who is also responsible for petroleum affairs.

They discussed relations between Finland and Saudi Arabia at the meeting, which was attended by the deputy minister of petroleum and mineral resources, Abdul Aziz Al-Turki.

Sheikh Ahmad gave a lunch in honor of Sundqvist and his delegation at the Racing Club in Riyadh. It was attended by officials of the Ministry of Petroleum and Mineral Resources.

Earlier Tuesday, the Finnish delegation arrived here from Dhahran. They were received by Sheikh Ahmad and officials of his ministry. Sundqvist had Monday visited the University of Petroleum and Minerals in Dhahran. He was received by the university's rector, Dr. Bakr Abdullah Bakr, who took him on a tour of the university, taking in the central library, the computer center and the mechanical engineering laboratory. Sundqvist expressed his admiration of educational progress in the Kingdom.

Meanwhile, Sheikh Hisham Nazer, minister of planning, received Tuesday the chairman of the British Overseas Trade Board, Lord Limerick. They discussed increasing the participation of British companies in the development of the Kingdom.

A Dutch trade delegation arrived in Dhahran Tuesday in a three day visit to the Eastern Province. Members will hold talks with officials of the Damman Chamber of Commerce and Industry, and meet businessmen.

Envoy to Pakistan presents credentials

ISLAMABAD, Jan. 22 (SPA) — The new Saudi Arabian ambassador to Pakistan, Sheikh Samir Al-Shihabi, presented his credentials to President Zia ul-Haq Tuesday. He arrived here Monday. His predecessor, Sheikh Riyadh Al-Khaib, died last week.

Sindi thanks Khaled

Saudia staff give dinner for two directors-general

By Joseph Eltayer

JEDDAH, Jan. 22 — The staff of Saudia Tuesday evening gave a dinner here in honor of Sheikh Kamel Sindi and Capt. Ahmad Mattar, the outgoing and new directors-general of the airline. The party was held at the Jeddah Palace Hotel.

Sindi has been appointed assistant to Minister of Defense and Aviation Prince Sultan for civil aviation affairs, a post with ministerial rank. In a message to all employees of the airline, he has thanked King Khaled for the Royal Decree that made the appointment.

Sindi said that he was proud of the confidence placed in him by King Khaled, Crown Prince Fahd, Second Deputy Premier and Commander of the National Guard Prince Abdullah and Minister of Defense and Aviation Prince Sultan.

He hoped he would be able to strive to achieve more in aviation, and to help Saudi Arabia keep pace with the advanced countries in the field.

Sindi, whose new position includes supervision of the Presidency of Civil Aviation and General Directorate of Meteorology, Saudia and the International Airports projects, commended all Saudia employees for their devotion and diligence in discharging their duties during his time in Saudia. He said that because of the blessing of God and the efforts of Saudia staff, the airline has become a source of pride to them all.

He congratulated Mattar, who was his deputy for operations, for the Royal confidence shown in him in his promotion to director general.

He concluded his message "I would request all brothers working in Saudia to intensify their spirit of cooperation and diligence in working with Capt. Mattar on the same level I received from them during past years so that we may maintain Saudia's progress and its standing among major international airlines."



Sheikh Kamel Sindi



Ahmad Mattar

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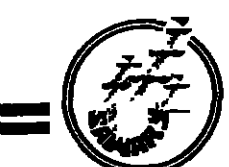
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Pakistan suddenly in the limelight

Will Zia weather the Afghanistan storm?

ISLAMABAD, Jan. 22 (AP) — Soviet intervention just across its border has thrust Pakistan into international attention, but crisis is nothing new for this Muslim country.

Pakistan has been dismembered in a war with India, hit by critical shortages of grain and foreign exchange reserves, and periodically shaken by military takeovers since independence in 1947.

Military coups are so frequent, former Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto once quipped, that the nation should be called "coup-istan." Bhutto was himself ousted by a coup led by the current president, Gen. Muhammad Zia Ul-Haq.

"Unity, faith, discipline" — a slogan coined by the South Asian country's first leader, Muhammad Ali Jinnah — sums up the problems endured by the 75 million Pakistanis.

Lack of discipline among the people was cited by Bhutto and later by Zia as the reason why Western-style democracy has not succeeded here.

The Islamic faith has been used as a political tool by parties to attack Bhutto and later by Zia to consolidate his hold on the country.

Pakistan was carved out of Hindu-dominated India by the British to provide a homeland for Muslims. But faith proved a potent force than regionalism.

The Bengalis of East Pakistan, aided by Zia, revolted against the western wing in 1971 and formed independent Bangladesh. Many Pakistanis say the loss of East Pakistan, and 55 per cent of the population with it, shattered national confidence for years.

Further dismemberment along regional lines remains a constant fear.

Politicians in the least developed province, Baluchistan, which borders Afghanistan and Iran, periodically call for secession.

Bhutto, who ruled from 1971-1977, responded by sending in troops, banning a regional party and jailing its top officers. Concern over Baluchistan has heightened since 1978, when the first of three pro-Soviet Communist regimes took power in Afghanistan.

One symptom of the tension was the arrest and sentencing of an award-winning Pakistani journalist, Salam Aml, who wrote about the troubled province for a foreign magazine in October.

Zia defended Aml's year-long sentence of "rigorous imprisonment" by explaining: "Islam says if someone says (speaks out) against your (national) integrity, against your religion, against your everything, chop him! Teach him a lesson."

Zia's military regime, which came to power July 4, 1977, has used Pakistan's political instability as justification for



Zia Ul-Haq

banning political activities, detaining its leaders, strictly enforcing press censorship and introducing punishment like flogging for martial law offenders. Last April it hanged Bhutto, who was convicted on murder conspiracy charges.

Shortly after taking over, the 55-year-old career officer promised national elections. However, Zia canceled a poll scheduled for last November and told reporters recently that he expects to remain in power "for the next few years."

Although Zia claims to have the support of the nation, a Pakistani political scientist said: "Many people feel that army rule has always harmed Pakistan. As for Zia, he annoyed powerful political groups like the Pakistan National Alliance by calling off the election, and he has lost credibility by not fulfilling these and other promises."

A joke, now stale through over-use, declared that Zia's title of CMLA, for chief martial law administrator, actually means "cancel my last announcement."

U.S.-Pakistan relations worsened sharply the day after Bhutto was hanged, despite Western protests. American development aid was cut off because of what the Carter administration claims as evidence that Pakistan was trying to enrich weapons-grade uranium.

Ties further sank with the burning of the U.S. embassy, an incident last November that claimed two American and four Pakistani lives.

Now the Afghan situation has made Pakistan as strategically important to the United States as the Pakistanis have long claimed it was. President Jimmy Carter

offered not only to restore aid, but greatly expand it.

The sudden turnabout in U.S. policy has stunned some American diplomats who were trapped six hours in the burning embassy. It led some observers to wonder out loud whether U.S. military support for Pakistan might later be interpreted by angry Pakistani mobs as backing for the regime.

"It can be the Shah and Iran all over again," said one Western area specialist. Zia has made it clear that his regime will only accept U.S. aid on a long-term basis and without conditions. He says the reason for this is that the United States let the country down by stopping crucial military supplies during the 1965 and 1971 wars with India.

The military leader lives in a sprawling Rawalpindi home built for a colonial British army commander, and he appears to live like one. Servants in green uniforms and matching turbans serve guests tea in fine china along with shish kabab. One of Zia's five children works for the bank of America in London.

One thing that doesn't seem to concern Zia is his human rights record. He told reporters recently (Jan. 17) it would be an insult to Carter's intelligence to suggest that the American leader would make aid or a suggested bilateral defense treaty dependent on liberalizing his regime.

Putting down his teacup and gesturing with his hands, Zia urged them: "Forget your Western ideals, your Western standards of freedom, democracy. You are in a Muslim developing country."

Last October, when his regime canceled the elections, Zia introduced what he called "real" martial law, which included new curbs on the press and measures that antagonized the middle class.

"Merchants in Karachi holding large stocks of sugar were brought before military courts, convicted in an hour of hoarding and lashed in public," a Western diplomatic source said. "This has not been very well received."

The regime also made punishable by fine and imprisonment "defamation" of a person even if "true and in the public interest." This was in addition to press censorship. Pakistani newspapermen said the law was apparently amended especially to protect martial law authorities from allegations of corruption.

On the plus side, some observers have credited the military rules with the country's economic improvement in the past year, which came about despite a lack of long-term industrial investment. The gross national product grew 6.3 per cent in fiscal 1978-1979.

Zia has said that he expects the armed forces to have a major voice in national affairs even after he leaves office.

China assures Pakistan over military aid

ISLAMABAD, Jan. 22 (AP) — China's Foreign Minister Huang Hua, visiting Pakistan to discuss the Afghan crisis, left for Karachi Tuesday after assuring leaders here of continued military aid, a senior Pakistani official said.

However, the martial law regime here was left with the impression that China would be unable to underwrite much if any of the estimated several billion dollars that official sources said was necessary to provide adequate defense along the border with Afghanistan.

Aga Shahi, President Zia Ul-Haq's foreign policy adviser, told reporters that Chinese assistance was part of a "continuing relationship," indicating that no new aid program had been agreed on. The amount of possible future assistance, he said, was not discussed during Huang's visit.

"The Chinese ability to supply arms to Pakistan is limited," Shahi said, adding that some Chinese weaponry has become outdated. Many of the aircraft and armor in the Pakistani arsenal are Chinese versions of Soviet models designed in the 1950s.

Shahi stressed that a possible trilateral arrangement including the United States to ensure Pakistan's defense was not raised. "There is no question of a Washington-Peking-Islamabad axis," Shahi said.

During a visit to an Afghan refugee camp, Huang publicly promised Chinese assistance to help Pakistan cope with the influx of an estimated 438,000 refugees. He did specify what aid was anticipated.

Shahi also said that negotiations on U.S. military aid and revising a 1959 bilateral agreement were continuing. "The assistance," he said in a statement to reporters, "must be commensurate with the size of the threat (to Pakistan's western borders)." Earlier, President Zia termed as "peanuts" an initial U.S. offer of \$400 million — half military and half development assistance.

Shahi said Pakistan is seeking "credible U.S. military and economic assistance which should be durable and serve to strengthen its security vis-a-vis the threat developing on its western frontier."

Meanwhile, the Soviets have indicated a readiness for dialogue with Pakistani officials and Pakistan is willing to hold talks with India, its traditional military rival, he said.

Zia has written to India's Prime Minister Indira Gandhi about the Afghanistan situation, Shahi said, adding that Indian Foreign Secretary R.D. Sathe was expected to visit Islamabad during the first week of February.

"Mrs. Gandhi's statements in regard to the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan and the prospects of Pakistan receiving military and economic assistance have been negative and far from reassuring," Shahi said.



PRISONER: Afghan guerrillas stand by an Afghan government officer and a captured Soviet truck at their base in western Afghanistan. The rebels say they will convince the officer to join their ranks in the fight against government and Soviet troops.



FUNERAL: Afghan guerrillas hold a funeral service for a fallen comrade in western Afghanistan after encountering Soviet troops last week.



RUSSIAN WORKERS: A Soviet armored personnel carrier sits in front of the ministry of foreign affairs building in downtown Kabul. A group of Russian workers move toward the building.

Arab ministers conference opened by Hoss

BEIRUT, Jan. 22 (Agencies) — Lebanese Minister Salim Hoss Monday opened an Arab conference here which he described as a manifestation of solidarity with Lebanon. The meeting of seven ministers of social affairs will prepare for a wider ministerial conference to discuss improving conditions in a troubled South Lebanon.

The ministers, from Lebanon, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Iraq, Qatar, the United Arab Emirates and Morocco, and an Arab League representative will draw up a working paper on how "to strengthen the south, which is being under Israeli attacks."

Hoss said the meeting represented Arab solidarity with Lebanon and added: "We believe that the question of the South is a joint Arab cause."

Meanwhile in South Lebanon, villagers Tuesday that rightist militiamen Monday



Salim Hoss

night demolished a house they claimed was a Palestinian commando base.

The house was the second destroyed by the militiamen in the border area in two days.

Civilians living in the houses were ordered out before the buildings were demolished, the villagers said.

Maksoud praises Justice Douglas

UNITED NATIONS, Jan. 22 (AP) — Clovis Maksoud, the Arab League's U.N. observer, said Monday that the Arab world would remember Justice William Douglas "as one who was sensitive to our and other Third World peoples' aspirations and legitimate interests."

In a telegram to U.S. Chief Justice Warren Burger made public here, Ambassador Maksoud conveyed "sincere condolences" to Burger and the American people on the retired justice's death at 81 in Washington Saturday.

Maksoud, a Lebanese, said he had accompanied Douglas when the justice visited Lebanon and Syria in the early fifties and had kept in touch with him since. "I shall always remember him as a friend and a great humanist," he said.

Grenada premier begins Syria visit

DAMASCUS, Jan. 22 (R) — The prime minister of the Caribbean island of Grenada, Maurice Bishop, arrived in Damascus Monday to begin a three-day visit.

Bishop said at the airport that he would discuss bilateral relations and developments in the nonaligned movement with Syrian President Hafez Assad. Bishop came from Tripoli where he had talks with the Libyan leader, Col. Qaddafi.

Mubarak returns from 18-day tour

CAIRO, Jan. 22 (AP) — Vice-President Hosni Mubarak returned here Monday from an 18-day tour of Oman, China, North Korea, the United States and West Germany where he discussed the Middle East peace process as well as the situation in Afghanistan and Iran.

Mubarak was quoted by the Middle East News Agency which reported his arrival here as saying that while in the United States, he also discussed economic and military cooperation with American officials.

"Thank God I can say we reached an excellent degree of success in all countries I had visited without exception," Mubarak added without elaboration.

While in Washington, the United States has reportedly offered him a multi-billion dollar package of military credit aimed at helping modernize Egypt's armed forces.



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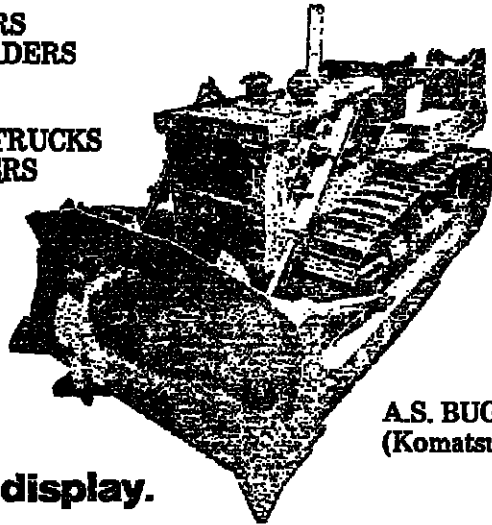
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Australia to formally back Carter's boycott

CANBERRA, Jan. 22 (AP) — The Australian Government formally decided to back U.S. President Jimmy Carter's call to boycott the Olympic games in Russia if Soviet troops do not withdraw from Afghanistan.

The government's move followed a day-long cabinet meeting in Melbourne. Carter has asked the U.S. Olympic Committee to hold all American athletes back from the games if Soviet troops do not withdraw from Afghanistan within a month.

Australian Prime Minister Malcolm Fraser said, "The government takes a most serious view of the Russian invasion of Afghanistan and regards it as a grave threat to world peace and to all independent nations."

"It also believes that the great majority of Australians would want their government to express in strong terms our complete opposition to the actions of the Soviet government."

"The government considers that one of the most telling ways in which the opposition to Soviet actions can be expressed, particularly to the people of the USSR, is by an effective boycott of the 1980 Olympic games in Moscow by the Olympic Committees of those nations."

The Australian government's decision will form the basis of the brief Fraser will take to Washington for talks with Carter Jan. 31. He will meet later with British

Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher in London.

Australia has adopted an increasingly tough stance over the Soviet moves in Afghanistan, cutting transport, fishing, cultural and scientific links with Moscow.

Foreign Minister Andrew Peacock left today on a tour of seven Asian capitals for urgent consultations on the Afghan issue.

West European Governments responded with caution to Carter's call for a boycott of the Moscow Olympics if Russian troops stay in Afghanistan.

Continental European governments, bending to U.S. pressure, Monday said they would discuss it, but they generally doubted whether a boycott would achieve very much.

So far Canada and Britain are the only other members of the Western alliance to advocate boycotting the Moscow games to punish the Soviet Union for its military intervention in Afghanistan.

Carter's appeal made it harder for his other Western allies to stay on the sidelines and leave the decision to international Olympic committees, as many would prefer.

Continental European governments, turning over the issue again Monday at Carter's behest, pondered whether the impact of an Olympic ban on Moscow would outweigh the broken dreams of thousands of athletes.

Kurt Moeller, chairman of the Danish Olympic Committee, said it would be a catastrophe for sport if the Moscow games are wrecked.

"If the Western boycott takes effect the Moscow Olympics will be the last ever staged," he said.

But in European capitals politicians discussed the merits of such a boycott which, outside the Western alliance, has the backing of Saudi Arabia and the sympathy of China and Iran.

In Bonn, the West German government said it had great understanding for Carter's initiative in linking U.S. participation at the games with demands for a Soviet withdrawal from Afghanistan.

Interior Minister Gerhart Baum had talks today with the two West German members of the International Olympic Committee, Willi Daume and Berthold Beitz. Daume said he was skeptical about prospects of boycotting the games.

Baum called for an emergency session of sports ministers of the European Council. The conservative opposition today advocated a West German boycott of the games saying participation in Moscow would be against the Olympic spirit.

But the government said it was studying Carter's call for a boycott. But the French so far seem unwilling to comply. Foreign Minister Jean Francois Poncelet said France opposed sanctions against Moscow.

Former French Sports Minister Maurice Herzog, a member of the National Olympic Committee, said the committee would not back the U.S. call.

In Rome, Premier Francesco Cossiga has stayed out of the debate. But he may come under strong pressure to back the U.S. stand when he meets Carter in Washington next Friday.

Britain's Conservative government backs moves for a boycott of the Moscow Olympic and wants the games transferred to another venue.

Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher has allied herself more closely than any other European leader with Carter's policy of strong counter-measures against the Kremlin.



SPIES AWAY: Japanese police are shown with Yokihisa Miyana (head covered), alleged Soviet spy, in the Tokyo police station. Miyana and two others are suspected of leaking defense secrets to the USSR.

Detectives posed as lovers to catch Japanese spies

TOKYO, Jan. 22 (R) — Detectives, including a young couple posing as lovers in dimly-lit Tokyo alleys, played a major part in uncovering an alleged military spy-ring that passed Japanese secret to the Soviets, informed sources said Tuesday.

Taking a leaf out of a spy novel, detectives watched clandestine meetings for three months between a retired Japanese Army Maj. Gen. and a military attaché at the Soviet Embassy in Tokyo, they added.

Police moved in on Friday night and arrested retired Maj. Gen. Yokihisa Miyana at his

house. They also detained two serving intelligence officers, Lt. Eiichi Kashii and Warant Officer Tsunetoshi Oshima, on suspicion of spying for Moscow.

Col. Yuri Kozlov, the Soviet military attaché alleged to be involved in the case, left for Moscow in a hurry on Saturday, despite a request to appear for questioning at the Japanese Foreign Ministry.

The Embassy said later that he returned home because his mother was ill, and cited diplomatic immunity in rejecting the request.

A special squad of detectives, including a policeman, was organized to help crack the ring.

Canada expels Soviet spies

Total: 21 in 20 years

OTTAWA, Jan. 22 (AP) — Canada has ordered the expulsion of two Soviet military attaches and embassy chauffeur for espionage activity, Foreign Minister Flora McDonald announced.

She said the trio had obtained classified material from an American citizen, paying him for the information. The material and the money were exchanged in Ottawa, she said, Monday.

Further details on the identity of the American and the information involved were not immediately revealed.

The officials expelled were Cpt. Igor A. Bardeev, who is military, naval and air

attache, Col. Eduard Alexsanjan, assistant military attaché and V.I. Sokolov, a chauffeur.

They must leave within the next week, McDonald said. She said she told Soviet Ambassador Alexander Yakovlev the expulsions were unrelated to the Soviet military intervention in Afghanistan.

In the past 20 years a total of 21 diplomats from the Soviet Union, Eastern Europe and China have been formally ordered to leave Canada for suspected espionage. In addition, a number of other spies have been quietly kicked out of the country, a federal security report said.

Dominicans lathered up about fate of soap operas

SANTO DOMINGO, Jan. 22 (AP) — Dominicans are up in arms over a draft bill recently approved by the Chamber of Deputies restricting the broadcast of soap operas on radio and television to late-night hours.

The Broadcasting Association (ADORA) says it is "completely opposed" to the pending legislation, and newspapers throughout the country are calling the measure a violation of freedom of expression.

Manuel Cruz Ascencion, an Opposition Reformist party deputy, introduced the bill that would banish to after 10 p.m. the popular programs which he said had "no literary, cultural or artistic value whatever."

The bill is now before the senate but is not scheduled for a vote until March.

Cruz Ascencion claimed the programs make marital infidelity attractive and threaten the stability of the home and family.

He said "women and maids" spend too

much time watching the ten soap operas offered daily on the country's one governmental and four private television stations.

Many residents of the Dominican Republic, which shares the Caribbean island of Hispaniola with Haiti, as well as other Latin Americans, are devoted fans of the "telenovelas" that recount the lives, loves and miseries of various fictional characters.

The genre was developed in the United States, where the programs are called "soap operas" because the commercial sponsors were generally firms that produced soap and household cleaning products.

Adora received another jolt when the director of the Public Entertainment and Broadcasting Commission interrupted its meeting protesting the pending legislation to say she wanted to censor the programs.

"The problem is," said Zaida Ginebra, "that the biggest fans of these programs are maids, so dinner is often late."

Soviets calm despite furor about games

MOSCOW, Jan. 22 (AP) — A top official of the Moscow Olympics Organizing Committee said that "the Olympics will go on" and that the games do not depend on "the political caprices of anyone, regardless of his rank and position."

Vladimir I. Popov, First Deputy Chairman of the Committee, spoke following Carter's call for a transfer of the Olympics from Moscow or an American boycott if Soviet troops fail to leave Afghanistan.

"We are calm people," Popov said. "But we think that all the anxiety that people from the outside are injecting into the olympics is hardly helping the games."

Meanwhile, the official TASS news agency accused Carter of "grossly distorting the essence" of Soviet activities in Afghanistan and of using athletes as "some kind of hostages" — adding that "this is despite the fact that of late Carter has repeatedly denounced the use of hostages for political ends."

TASS said "the president's demand is clearly political and its aim is to disrupt détente and to undermine peaceful cooperation of peoples."

"If one is to use sports terminology," the agency added, "one can say that the Olympic annals will recall Carter as a man who erected, rather than cleared away, hurdles and that Carter's decision will, in the long run, doubtless prove a goal he scored into his own net."

Popov said Moscow had given the International Olympic Committee a guarantee it would host the games and has done "everything so that athletes, guests, officials and journalists will get the optimal treatment."

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W. Indies defeat England for Series

SYDNEY, Jan. 22 (R) — Opening batsman Gordon Greenidge hammered out an unbeaten 98 here Tuesday as the West Indies crushed England by eight wickets to win the World Series limited-over cricket cup.

The win gave the West Indies an unbeatable 2-0 lead in the best-of-three final series. They won the opening game last Sunday by a narrow two-run margin.

Greenidge, who scored 80 in the opening match, fittingly hit the winning run that gave his side the win.

The West Indies made 209 for two in 47.3 overs in reply to England's 50-over total of 208 for eight, to put beyond doubt that they are the world's limited-over champions.

England's preparations had been upset by a controversy involving Geoff Boycott.

The row broke out over remarks to a British television journalist by the England opener, who said he was fed up with the tour selectors insisting that he play in the Cup games when he was not 100 per cent fit.

The remarks, to Independent Television news journalist Tony Francis, who is covering the tour, were published by Sunday Telegraph.

After a 40-minute meeting, England tour manager Alec Bedser, Boycott and captain Mike Brearley were all confident the matter was behind them and would not affect England's performance.

In the first encounter, the West Indies won by two runs after Brearley drove Michael Holding to mid-on.

Clive Lloyd, the angular West Indies captain, fielded the ball, resulting in an easy run out for aggressive wicket keeper David Bairstow to end England's last hope.

The key to the West Indies' success was all-rounder Collis King, whose unquarred 31 became the lynchpin of the final result.



PASS: Irish screen-half Colin Patterson gets the ball away as Steven Smith, England screen half, comes from behind in a Twickenham International at the weekend. England won 24-9.

In double overtime

Supersonics edge Celtics

NEW YORK, Jan. 22 (AP) — Dennis Johnson got off a three-point field goal that tied the game for Seattle at the final buzzer, and the Supersonics went on to beat the Celtics 108-106 in double overtime Sunday in a

National Basketball Association game. "We wanted to foul," Boston coach Bill Fitch said. "We planned on fouling, but we couldn't get to the ball in time. It was a physical error, not a mental one."

However, Fitch said veteran center Dave Cowens committed a mental error. After the Sonics called a timeout with three seconds left to set up the final shot, Seattle tried to throw the ball inbounds and Cowens batted it out before it reached big Jack Sikma. That used up one second and Johnson scored after the ensuing throw-in.

After Johnson's heroics before a packed Garden crowd of 15,320 and a television audience, Williams scored 12 of his game-high 29 points in the two overtime periods and the Sonics handed Boston only its third loss in 23 home starts this season. The Celtics were led by guard Chris Ford, who scored 26 points, including five three-pointers.

In Sunday's only other NBA game, the Milwaukee Bucks edged the Portland Trail Blazers 89-88.

Brian Winters sank a 20-foot jumper from the top of the key with four seconds to play to enable Milwaukee to end a three-game losing streak.

Ron Brewer scored eight points in the last 4:52 for the Blazers, and his baseline jump shot gave Portland an 88-83 lead with 2:16 left.

U.S. boxing team to fight in Moscow

NEW YORK, Jan. 22 (AP) — A U.S. amateur boxing team will fly to Moscow Tuesday as scheduled despite the political turmoil surrounding the 1980 Olympics.

Colonel Don Hull, chairman of the International Amateur Boxing Federation, said by telephone Monday from Washington that the group, like other international sports bodies, frowns on not fulfilling commitments.

"We're going to make sure each kid knows the situation so he can make his own decision," Hull said, adding that 15 boxers were scheduled to make the trip.

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Back on form

Evert through first round in Chicago women's tennis

CHICAGO, Illinois, Jan. 22 (AP) — Second-seeded Chris Evert Lloyd scored an easy 6-2, 6-3 first round victory over Bettyanne Stuart Monday night in the opening round of a women's pro tennis tournament here.

Evert Lloyd's victory sets up a second round match with 16-year-old Bettine Bunge, a 6-1, 6-3 upset winner over Regina Marsikova, of Czechoslovakia, in the first round.

Evert Lloyd breezed through her match, showing much of the form she displayed while once establishing herself as the top women's player in the world. Afterwards she discussed her reported plans for possible retirement.

"I'm not closing the door entirely by saying I'm retiring," she said. "I would like to keep the door open."

Evert Lloyd, 25, who announced last week she was going to take an indefinite period of time off from competitive tennis, said she felt good about her match Monday night. "I had fun out there," she said.

She plans to fulfill her commitment to the pro tour through March and beyond then she does not know what was in store for her.

"I'm going to try and finish out this circuit because I did commit myself to it."

Other first round winners Monday night were fourth-seeded Billie Jean King, who beat Caroline Stoll, 6-1, 7-5; No. six seed Wendy Turnbull, of Australia, who had little trouble beating Argentina's Ivanna Madruga, 6-0, 7-5; and Cathy Jordan, the No. eight seed, who emerged a 6-3, 6-3 victory over Barbara Potter.

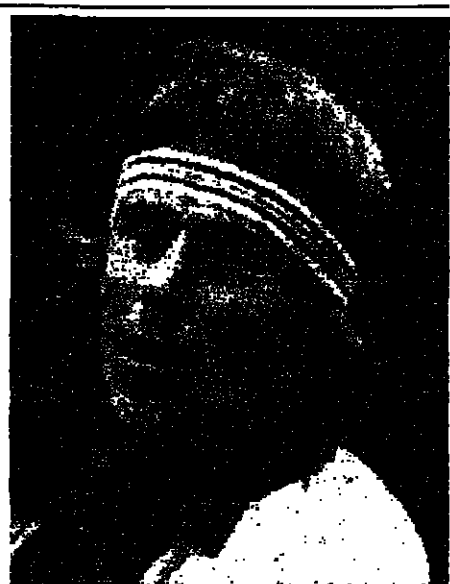
In London, Bjorn Borg and Martina Navratilova were named Monday as world champions by the International Tennis Federation. Borg, Wimbledon and French Open title holder, retains his top ranking.

Navratilova succeeds Chris Evert Lloyd as women's champion.

In Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, seventh-seeded Gene Mayer defeated Vincent Van Patten 6-0, 6-2 in first-round action Monday night at the U.S. Pro Indoor Tennis Championships.

Mayer took the first eight games of the match, but Van Patten, 23, a former actor, yelled and jumped when he won the ninth game. The crowd cheered as he pulled even at 2-2 in the second set.

Mayer then put the match away, serving an ace in the last game, hitting an overhead smash to reach match point and winning as Van Patten hit a two-handed backhand out on court.



Bjorn Borg

Fifth time in year

Featherweight defends title

TOKYO, Jan. 22 (R) — Eusebio Pedroza of Panama was due to defend his World Boxing Association (WBA) featherweight title for the fifth time in 12 months here Tuesday.

Pedroza was favorite to overcome the challenge of Japan's Spider Nemoto in a 15-round contest.

But Nemoto, 29, was in a confident mood Monday. "I have had a longer career and I believe I could win," he said.

Nemoto is nearly eight inches shorter than the 23-year-old champion and his main hopes of success lay with eluding the champion's fast jabs and attacking his body.

Pedroza was expected to stop the challenger's rushes with jabs and upper-cuts.

Pedroza has impressed critics with his speedy and powerful combination blows in training here.

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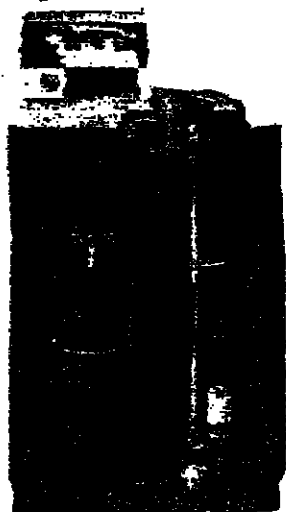
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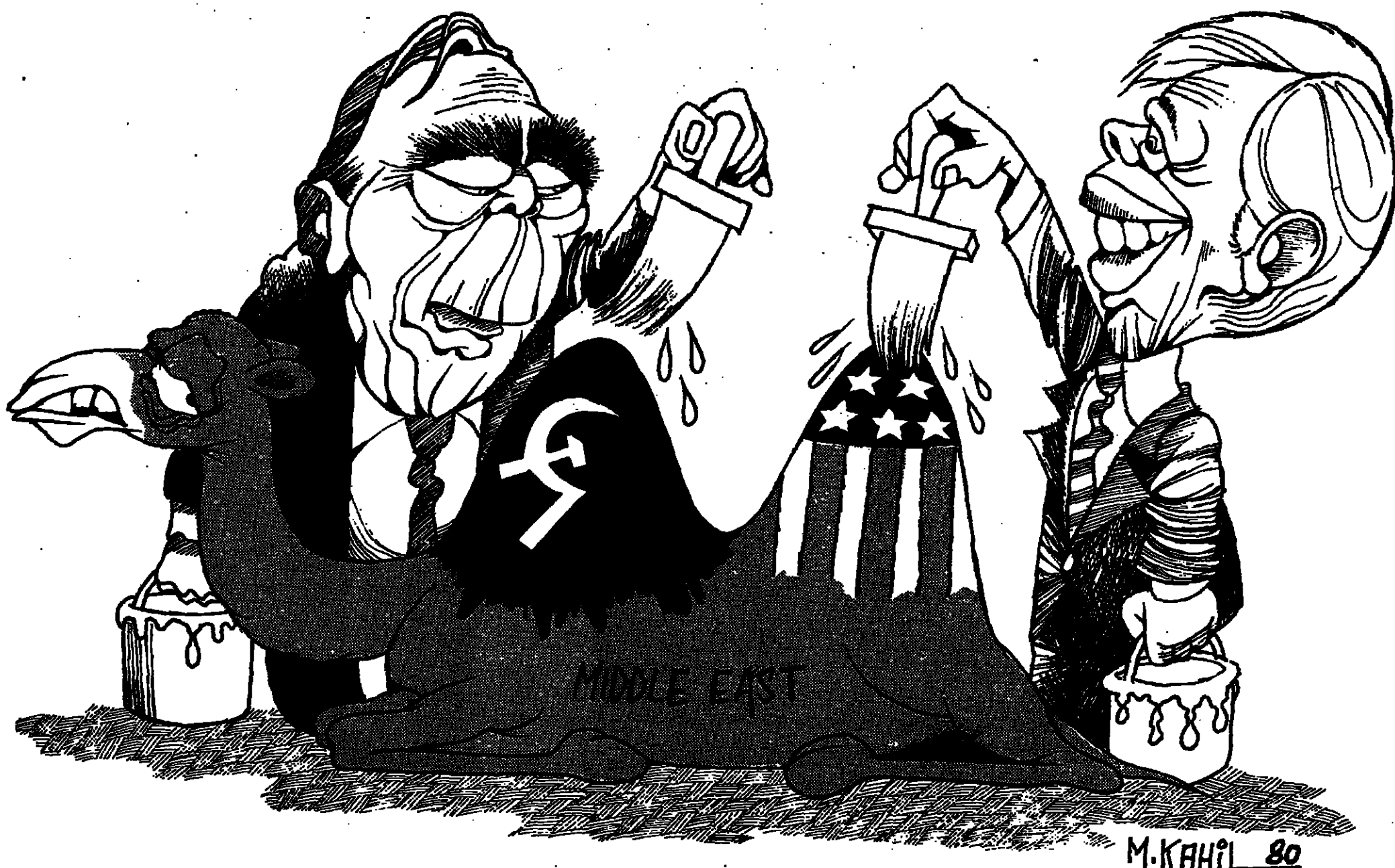
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'The only democracy in the Middle East'

By Michael Adams

It is amazing how easy we all find it to detect the faults of others, which seem so conspicuous and so difficult to excuse, while at the same time we can overlook entirely our own shortcomings—or, if we are aware of them at all, can dismiss them as trivial and perfectly harmless eccentricities to which no one could take serious exception.

This is a common human failing and we are all subject to it. The British certainly are and I believe that my readers, if they will search their hearts, will agree that the Arabs are too. But none of us are capable of such a split image of the world as the Israelis. For most of us, reality sometimes asserts itself, try as we may to ignore it, we are aware from time to time, at the back of our minds, that we are occasionally at fault and that we tend to give ourselves the benefit of the doubt.

Not so the Israelis. In their own eyes, they can do no wrong—and if others criticize them, it is because those others are prejudiced, misled, or down-right anti-Semitic. It is because of this kind of hostile prejudice that the United Nations so often condemns the actions of the Israeli government; or that President Carter accuses them of bad faith in the matter of the settlements in the occupied territories; or that Amnesty International persists in making these tiresome allegations about the ill-treatment of political detainees in Israel. If other people could only learn to see the Israelis as they see themselves, all these petty slanders would be dismissed with the contempt which they deserve.

I was reminded of all this when I listened last week to a prominent Israeli talking to a British audience (an audience of specialists in the affairs of the Middle East) about Israel's policy on Palestinian autonomy in the West Bank. The speaker adopted a tone of reasoned moderation as he explained how anxious the Israelis were to find a pattern of coexistence with the Palestinians. They recognized that the Palestinians would like to be free of the occupation, that they would like to be able to exercise the right of self-determination; and if the Israelis felt it necessary to deny them this right and to maintain the occupation, this was only out of a justifiable apprehension about the consequences of making any concessions in the matter—consequences not only for Israel's security, but for the stability of the region as a whole (and here of course he began to talk of radicalism and communism as dangers which would automatically follow from any concessions to the Palestinians, etc.).

He was thrown onto the defensive when the meeting was opened to discussion and he found that his audience had a very different view from his own about Israeli policy and about Palestinian rights—

and about the probable consequences, for everybody (including Israel), of continuing to deny those rights. But then his tone changed to one of injured innocence and he began to talk about the need for Western countries to support Israel because it was "the only democracy in the Middle East." And when even that had little effect on his listeners, you could almost hear him saying to himself "here we go again, it's that old prejudice coming to the surface as usual and making every-one gang up on poor innocent little Israel."

It was an interesting example of the way even some of the most intelligent Israelis can blind themselves to the real reasons for their present unpopularity and isolation. And it was interesting too to see how little effect his arguments had on that audience, even the argument about Israel being "the only democracy in the Middle East." If you had asked them, many of the Englishmen in that audience would have had critical things to say about the lack of democratic practice and of freedom of speech in most Arab countries today. But they were too well-informed to be taken in by the myth of Israel as a democratic country in anything but name.

Indeed, for many Israelis these days it is becoming increasingly difficult to maintain that Israel is any longer a liberal or egalitarian society. There is too much evidence of discrimination between Jews and non-Jews, and even between different

categories of Jews. There is the uncomfortable fact that only a tiny proportion of the positions of influence in Israel are in the hands of the "oriental" Jews who now make up more than half of the Israeli population. And the press in Israel has recently been drawing attention to the shocking treatment of foreign workers (not only Arabs) who go to work in the "democratic" Jewish paradise.

A particular example which has received a lot of publicity lately has been in connection with the new military bases which are being built in the southern Negev to compensate for the loss of the bases which the Israelis have evacuated in Sinai before handing the area back to the Egyptians. The Israelis have brought in thousands of workers from Portugal and Thailand to build these bases and journalists who went down to the Negev to see how the work was getting on have been startled by what they found.

The Thai workers who are building an air force base in the Uvda valley, 40 kilometers north of Eilat, are housed in a labor camp which is under permanent armed guard. According to the Israeli newspaper *Ma'ariv*, Uvda has been declared a military zone; no one is allowed to enter the camp and the Thai workers may not leave it, even on their free time. In this respect the Portuguese workers at another site at Mitzpe-Rimon (also in the Negev) are a little better off: they can leave the camp when they have a day off, but they have to be back in

camp by 17.30 in the afternoon when the gates are closed, and there are armed guards both inside and outside who "watch literally every step of the workers." According to a journalist who managed to interview one of the Portuguese, the workers are housed in huts with an area of 20 square meters, in each of which eight or nine men sleep crowded together.

But the most revealing aspect, from the point of view of Israeli "democracy," is the wage scale on which the various categories of workers are paid. The Israelis who work as guards, drivers and suppliers of food are paid (again according to *Ma'ariv*) \$3,900 a month—a huge sum by Israeli standards. The Portuguese are paid a little more than a quarter of this, between \$1,000 and \$1,200 a month. And the Thais, at the bottom of the scale, get \$360—less than one tenth of the amount paid to the Israelis.

If the Israeli speaker at that meeting had been asked about this, I am sure he would have had a convincing explanation to give—a convincing at least to another Israeli. Perhaps the Thai workers are confined to their labor camp, and perhaps they and the Portuguese are paid much less than the Israelis, so as to protect them against the temptations of the corrupt society outside the camps. Whatever the explanation, if it fails to satisfy us, that is our fault. For, as everyone knows, Israel is "the only democracy in the Middle East."

Russia's bogus self-criticism

By David Wedgwood Benn

LONDON—The celebrated Soviet practice of "criticism and self-criticism" in factories and workplaces is open to abuse and is sometimes bogus, according to a recent Soviet book on the psychology of industrial management.

In a remarkably hard-hitting attack on what they describe as "pseudo-criticism and pseudo-self-criticism," Dmitrii Kaidalov and Yevgenii Suimenko present a detailed list of the commonest abuses.

At the top is "criticism for the settling of personal scores." This "is always veiled and the critic never discloses what his selfish aims and intentions really are."

Next comes "criticism in order to maintain or enhance one's own position or prestige." Here the critic need not be motivated by spite and he may even criticize himself, "which creates an impression of impartiality."

But what often happens is that "utterly undistinguished people, who are mediocre in their everyday

work, will all of a sudden display an uncommon zeal at meetings." In due course, "having come to the notice of the management... they begin to get elected to various commissions."

Some factory managers will censure their staff simply "as a style of work." This, the authors say, can lead to "peevishness, peremptoriness and even insults." At other times managerial censure is intended just "for show," to impress the authorities; staff are not meant to take it seriously.

The authors note that quite often after a factory meeting the manager will "console" someone he has criticized (usually a manager one rank junior): "Don't be angry, I had to, you understand." The victim... "accepts this 'consolation' from his superior as a guarantee that the criticism involves no serious consequences for him."

Criticism of management by staff is sometimes stage-managed by "license speeches." For example, the audience at a factory meeting might be astonished to hear a critical speech from an official widely regarded as "someone who wouldn't move a step without the manager's instructions."

But many are skeptical. They remember how the speaker "went to the manager the day before with

the script of his speech; and they are inclined to assume that it was the manager himself who suggested including "an element of criticism." The meeting was to be attended by a representative of the (Communist Party) city committee: there must be criticism.

A manager who really expects to come under fire may resort to "preemptive criticism"; that is, give instructions for "material to be collected... to compromise an objectionable subordinate." (Subordinates, too, sometimes try to forestall reprimands by making unfounded complaints against management.)

Kaidalov and Suimenko may possibly be reflecting the official policy of trying to encourage criticism from within the system while totally denying any hearing to dissidents who oppose the system itself.

The authors also have something to say about the obligation of Soviet managers to deliver political reports to their workers. This is useful, so the authors argue, provided the workers hold their managers in high regard. If they do not, then he can "lose out hopelessly," and his political speech-making should be delegated to others. — (OFNS)

NEW AMERICAN STANCE?

President Carter's letters to several Arab leaders contained assurances about the United States policies over the Middle East. It is as yet too early to tell how far the supposed new American line will go in meeting Arab expectations, since its general outline will not be known until the end of this month.

In the meanwhile, the verbal confrontation between Israel and Egypt over the responsibility for the failure of the Palestinian autonomy talks between them shows no signs of abating. Within and outside Egypt, the altercation has taken many by surprise. So much so that it was seen as a part of a carefully prepared scenario, whose aim is to preempt the shock of the final stages of the "normalization" of the relations between the two countries, when ambassadors will be exchanged and the borders between them opened.

The opposing view is that of the Camp David approach becoming unstuck, because of its original and fundamental inconsistencies. For too long its participants have tried to paper these over; but a point is reached when this could no longer work. From this point of view, Sadat has reached the end of the line: the internal situation in Egypt, as well as that of the Arab world in general, allows for no more backdown. His advisers have long been jibbing at his seemingly limitless capacity for changing his mind—always in favor of more concessions.

But the major new development in the story is the evidence of an American change of attitude toward the Camp David approach. The pressure on its interests in the area owing to its sponsorship of the Camp David approach, a pressure assuming crucial dimensions now with the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan, is at last beginning to tell. Its stand on the present round of talks between Egypt and Israel has been markedly low keyed and hesitant, and a change of tack on the whole approach is now more than likely.

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Most newspapers led Tuesday with the Council of Ministers meeting held Monday to discuss aid to Afghanistan and the upcoming extraordinary conference of the Islamic Foreign Ministers in Pakistan. *Al-Riyadh* led with the Omani Foreign Minister's statement that his country would never allow the establishment of military bases on its territory and his assertion that the Gulf states are capable of preserving their security and stability. United States President Jimmy Carter's reported announcement that the U.S. would use force to defend Pakistan formed the lead in *Okaz*.

Newspapers frontpaged the Iranian Foreign Minister's statement that Soviet forces were only 30 kms from the Iranian border. In a front-page story, *Al-Riyadh* quoted Foreign Minister Prince Saud al-Faisal saying that the Kingdom had not asked for a summit conference but it was a matter to be decided at the Foreign

Ministers' conference. *Al-Jazirah* highlighted Interior Minister Prince Naif's announcement that his ministry would soon issue a statement on the fate of the remaining accused in the Holy Haram incident. The report on a new university hospital in Jeddah received prominence on the front page of *Al-Madina* while *Al-Yom* gave front-page treatment to the statement of Habib Chanti, secretary general of the Organization of Islamic Conference (OIC) that the Islamic Foreign Ministers' Conference would be held in Islamabad on schedule.

Newspaper editorials concentrated on the situation in Afghanistan and next week's Islamic Foreign Minister's conference. They reiterated the significance of Islamic solidarity and urged the countries of the world to adopt a united international approach to confront Soviet Communist danger. The papers also dealt with the so-called au-

tonomy in Israeli-occupied Arab territory and the Arab League's activities in connection with the Lebanese crisis.

Dwelling on Islamic solidarity, *Al-Madina* said that the late King Faisal's distinctive policy had attracted the Arab and Islamic states toward his call for solidarity, though he suffered criticism and accusations at the time. Those who opposed his idea, later supported him and became the first beneficiaries of Islamic solidarity. Presently, the paper said, several member countries of the Organization of Islamic Conference (OIC) are trying to create a rift in this solidarity. It added that the rulers of these countries are not concerned with the conditions of Muslims in Afghanistan. Evidence will be forthcoming showing that they prefer to live like puppets under Soviet control.

The paper added that if such states considered themselves friends of the Soviet Union, they

should ask it to relinquish occupation of a country which professes the same faith as they do. They would have fulfilled a friendly obligation by doing so, it said.

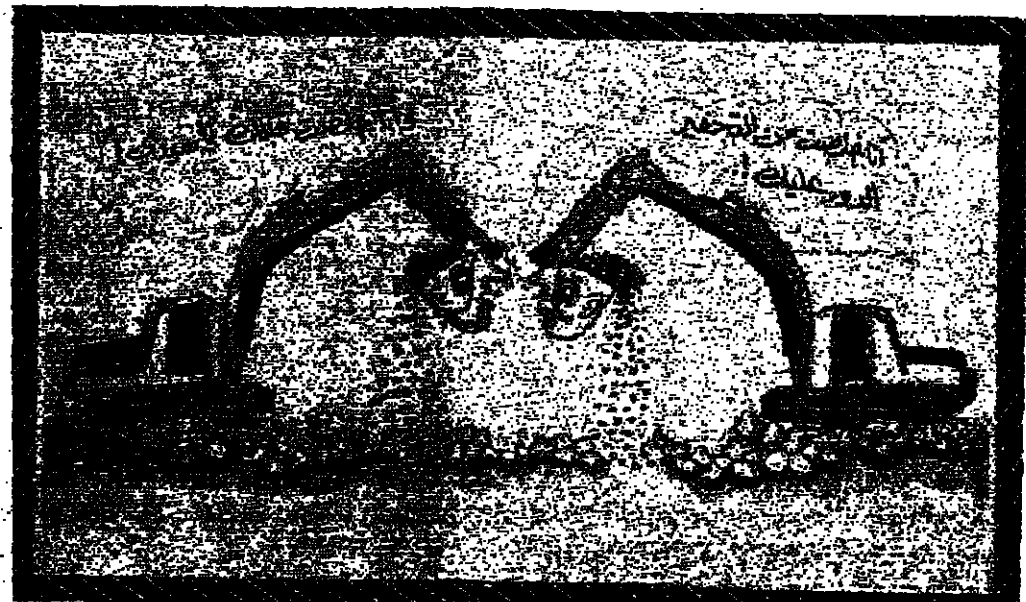
Al-Nadwa dealt with Monday's meeting of the Council of Ministers and its concern over the situation in Afghanistan. It endorsed the council's views that the Afghanistan issue is primarily an Islamic issue and, as such, the Islamic nation should find a solution. If the case is handled beyond its Islamic framework, the paper said, it would be bereft of right and justice. The paper hoped that the Islamabad conference would be able to help resolve the crisis.

Al-Bilad also said that political developments in Afghanistan necessitate a strong Islamic approach while effective help is needed for the heroic Muslims brothers in Afghanistan. *Okaz* warned against the dangerous Soviet intervention in Afghanistan and wondered if the declared

U.S. measures against the Soviets had any use. The paper stated strongly that such measures would not prove sufficient to check the Communist advance in Central Asia, and urged a united international stance to confront the dangerous policy of the Soviet Union.

Al-Jazirah commented on the so-called autonomy in the occupied West Bank of the Jordan and Gaza sector, saying that the Israeli plan reflected its expansionist policy which aimed at perpetuating its occupation of the Arab lands and "melting the Arab society in the furnace of Zionist racism."

In an editorial, *Al-Riyadh* welcomed the Arab League's efforts in resolving the Lebanese crisis. It referred to the League's Secretary General, Cheddi Khilfi's current tour of Europe and said that the Arab League strives to play an active and effective role in Arab as well as international affairs.



(1) "I've done enough, you start."
(2) "But, I've already finished!"

— AL-YOM

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Where mankind feeds on itself, like monsters of the deep

By Hugh McIlvanney

JOHANNESBURG — The determined elite is supposed to change every hindrance into an advantage but the black sportsman in South Africa has more problems than can be solved. As if the social, political and economic millstones were not enough, he is ordered with a psychological pressure that will be measured in decades rather than years.

Moving around Soweto, the black township that is Johannesburg's animus, the impression is that the most basic deprivation is the loss of defiance. Bland acceptance everywhere. The hostility, the sense of menace that is the atmosphere of Harlem or the ghettos of Cleveland and Detroit is as muted as obscene noise in a monastery. And yet these are dangerous places. Between June of 1978 and June of 1979, 507 blacks were murdered in Soweto, where the black population is not far short of two mil-

lion. If you add the crime figures for metropolitan Johannesburg you realise that an average of 20 blacks are murdered every week around here.

The trains taking the workers home to Soweto on a Friday night contain two or three men who are going to lose their lives because their wages invite a sharpened screwdriver in the ribs, a knife in the throat or a honed spoke of a bicycle wheel shoved into the back. Sometimes the spoke does not kill, which helps to explain the high proportion of paraplegics in Soweto.

The difference between the blacks of South Africa and their cousins in the United States is that here the violence is turned inward. Crime statistics in this country make those of West European nations look like a list of misdemeanours, but their horrible dimensions are related to viciousness perpetrated by blacks upon blacks.

Football is a classic manifestation of that self-destructive current. To be prominent in

the game is to put your life in jeopardy. Washington Mposula ran Orlando Pirates, a club in Soweto that had to remarkable success under the management of Alex Forbes, a Scotsman who once did great deeds on the field for Arsenal. Mposula was a local headmaster and, fatally, a man of integrity. 'He wouldn't let the Tsotse, the gangsters, get at the money,' says Forbes. 'So one day they just walked into his home and blew his head off.'

Two officials of the South African National Football Association, a black organization, had to leave the country not so long ago, for parts as distant as Brazil, because their behavior did not accord with the views of one or two people here.

Ewart Nene, the head man at Kaizer Chiefs, now the most popular club in Soweto, went out into the East Rand to look at a player he had thought of signing and was knifed for his interests. He died.

Jomo Sono is one of several footballers from Soweto whose talent translates into the

world game. He has been in America, playing for the New York Cosmos and lately for the Atlanta Chiefs. He is a forward with the close control and quick turn that encourage visitors to compare the best African players with Brazilians.

After living the life of a sports star in America, he comes back here to find that, however comfortable the house he builds for himself may be, it has to be erected on a plot that the Government allocates to him, and even in Soweto he can never own that land, only lease it.

'The hardest thing for me is that I cannot live where I want to live,' says Sono. 'The best way to tell you the difference between being

Soweto's essence is flatness. Over the vast acreage of the township, the little brick structures spread in an endless vista, clothing the hills with the lowest of low profiles.

in America and being in South Africa is to tell about getting off an airplane. At the airport in America I am just another passenger. Here, when I walked down the steps from the plane at Johannesburg airport, I could feel the pressure closing in on my head. It was something I could feel.

It is something that the interloper can feel and can see in the eyes of the black men in the street as they move aside to let him pass. Sanyo, with a worldwide enthusiasm for sponsorship, have created something called the Boxing Academy of Soweto. A man with a hose was lubricating the lawns in front of that dull, oblong building the other day and trying to make himself heard above the agitated babble issuing from the beer hall across the dusty road.

It was impossible to quieten the suspicion that the beer hall was saying more about Soweto than the boxing academy ever could.

Punt Janson, the Minister of Sport, is considered *verlig*, that is enlightened, among National Party politicians but his pronouncements embrace the realities that are to be met in Soweto. When he talked to a session of the National Party's Natal congress in Durban a month ago, Janson said that maverick sportsmen who defied government policy and joined clubs of other races were a dying breed.

The few white cricketers who had joined Asian clubs in Natal were, he assured his

agreeable audience, no longer heard of. Then he took time off to ridicule the rugby-playing Watson brothers for their flaunting of the pass laws in the Eastern Cape.

Janson speaks from a certain kind of strength. A place like Soweto is a masterpiece of psychological architecture. Its essence is flatness. Every house is single storey, plain and limited as a garden shed. Over the vast acreage of the township, the little brick structures spread in an endless vista, clothing the hills with the lowest of low profiles.

'Tenements have juice,' a New York Irish journalist said when he had restored himself to the decompression chamber of the Rand International Hotel. 'Those people aren't even allowed to be stirred up by one another.'

Klipfontein is Soweto's slum, the kind of area humans inhabit only because the rats don't fancy it. Much of its society is made up of jobless, hideously impoverished Coloureds and albinos, the pariahs' pariah.

'Yes I would like Gerrie to win,' George

Smith told me earnestly before last week's Coetzee-Tate world heavyweight clash. 'This is my motherland, I am South African and although John Tate is black I am on the side of my countryman.'

A large part of that opinion may have been caution but it is clear that the voteless majority of South Africa do not find racial aggression a natural reaction. The fight in Pretoria aroused only ambiguity.

Political consciousness has been so effectively trampled that resentment of Afrikaners in sport is stirred only when repression is made personal, as it was in Kallie Knoetze, an earlier opponent of John Tate, who also happened to be a former policeman who had shot and maimed a black youth.

Gerrie Coetzee is an Afrikaner who has made enough friendly utterances about blacks to blunt their suspicions and for him they are able to dredge up the remnants of a patriotism that cannot fail to astonish. (OFNS)



"A place like Soweto is a masterpiece of psychological architecture."



January 25

A motorcycle race in a wadi

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH — A motorcross race is to be held here, in a wadi near the site of the new international airport, on January 25. Organized by employees of the West German firm, Hochtief, the main construction contractor of the new airport, the race is the second to be held in Jeddah.

Contestants are asked to be at the starting line at 11 a.m. Signs on Medina Road near the cement factory should, the organizers say, ease any difficulty in finding the spot. The entry fee is SR5 and motorcycles of 125 cc, 250 cc and 500 cc are welcome.

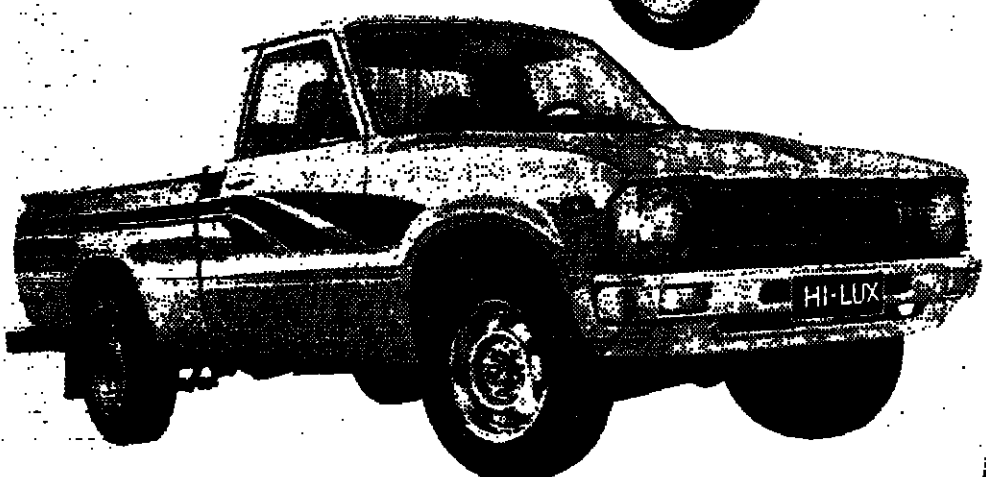
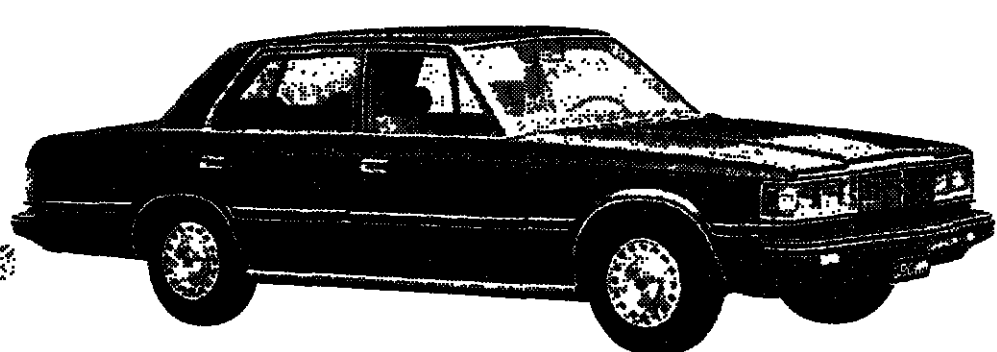
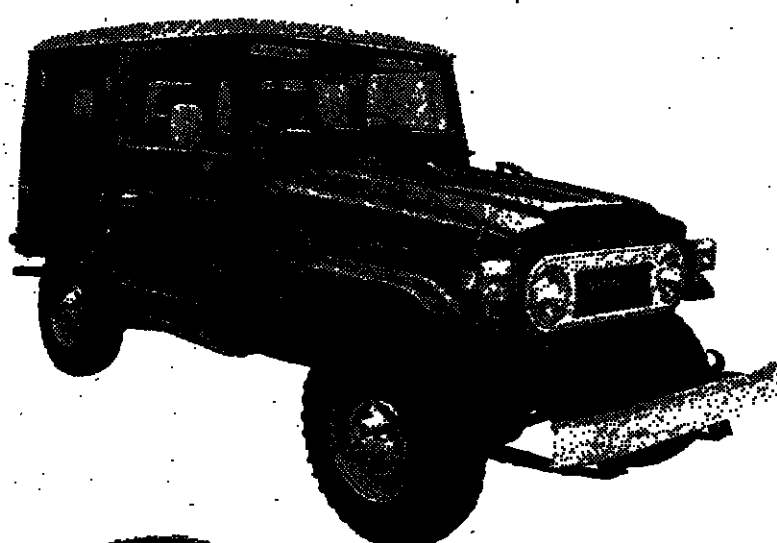
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can call 692700, and ask for extension 2729. Hochtief employees were pleased with the turnout last year and are hoping for an even larger showing this January.

Though the days when school children formed what could only be called motorcycle gangs are long past — the hazards of traffic and urban sprawl have rendered them extinct — conditions outside the city are still ideal for motorcycle racing. The smooth sand and level ground of the small wadi chosen for the race are the natural equal of any course in the world.

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Oman studies OAPEC, but won't join OPEC

MUSCAT, Jan. 22 (R) — Oman was considering joining the 10-nation Organization of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries (OAPEC), but not the larger Vienna-based OPEC, a senior official Salem Muhammad Shaban said Monday.

"For small producers like Oman the 13-nation Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) could be more of a liability than an asset," Shaban, undersecretary of the ministry of petroleum and minerals, said.

But he said the Kuwait-based OAPEC was different. "It provides us flexibility and the feeling of being a part of the Arab family," he added.

"We are seriously considering becoming a member of OAPEC," Shaban said, adding that a decision was expected shortly.

OAPEC formed nearly a decade ago has become an important vehicle for joint Arab action for the development of petrochemical industries. It does not concern itself with oil production and pricing policies of the member states.

Shaban mentioned OPEC's production and pricing policies among other unspecified

attitudes in the organization which could restrict Oman as a member.

Shaban said one important reason for joining OAPEC was that it afforded an opportunity for coordinating Arab energy policies and for "putting our drop of crude oil in the Arab pool."

It also meant Oman could draw on OAPEC's technical expertise and financial resources to develop its oil gas industries, he said.

Shaban also said that Oman would not raise its current oil prices during the first quarter of this year unless there were compelling reasons, like another OPEC price hike.

By OPEC and OAPEC rules Oman qualifies for membership because its main export is crude oil, which last year totaled 107.5 million barrels.

OPEC's seven Arab member states — Saudi Arabia, Algeria, Libyan Jamahiriya, Iraq, Qatar, Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) — are also in the OAPEC. Its three other members are Bahrain, Syria and Egypt, but Cairo's membership was suspended nearly a year ago for signing a peace treaty with Israel.

Poor nations hit world order

NEW DELHI, Jan. 22 (R) — President Zia Ur Rahman of Bangladesh, one of the world's poorest countries, said Tuesday that the teeming millions of the developing nations were no longer willing to remain shackled to an unjust world order.

President Zia told the Third World conference of the United Nations Industrial

Development Organization (UNIDO) here that he sensed "a lack of political will on the part of developed countries in the way the net value of aid to the Third World had declined in real terms between 1975 and 1977."

President Zia said the oil crisis was symptomatic of a lack of adequate international cooperation and understanding.

Pacific islands seek OPEC aid

SWA, Fiji, Jan. 22 (AP) — South Pacific island countries plan to send a high level delegation to OPEC headquarters in Vienna within a few months to ask for aid for their region from the petroleum exporting countries, an official said.

A delegation from the South Pacific Forum, an association of independent island states, is to present a brief prepared by the South Pacific Bureau for Economic Cooperation (SPEC), the forum's secretariat, SPEC's Deputy Director John Shepherd said.

Oil company nationalized in Zambia

LUSAKA, Jan. 22 (R) — Zambia has decided to nationalize the stocks and installations of an oil storage company owned jointly by local subsidiaries of six major oil companies, oil industry sources said Tuesday.

The government told oil company representatives last week that on Friday Jan. 18 it was taking over an estimated 56,000 cubic meters of refined oil products, worth about \$17.5 million in the tanks of the Neola Oil Storage Company (NOSCO) in the northern copperbelt, the sources said.

Mobil, Caltex, AGIP and Total own one-sixth each of NOSCO. Shell-BP, Zambia Limited in which the Zambian government has a majority stake, owns one-third of the storage company and provides the management.

NOSCO General Manager Patrick Chisanga said the companies would be compensated for the oil and negotiations would be arranged for the government to buy the installations, the source said.

The government already owns the Tazama pipeline, which carries oil from the Indian Ocean port of Dar Es Salaam.

The NOSCO takeover gives the government control of the whole importing, refining and storage network, but leaves distribution in the hands of the individual companies, the sources said.

Soviets bomb for oil

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22 (AP) — The Soviet Union may have used an atomic blast last fall to try to stimulate oil production, according to scientists at the U.S. Geological Survey.

Scientists Jack Rachlin and James W. Clarke report that they have pinpointed an underground nuclear test observed last Oct. 4 as occurring in the oil-rich middle region of western Siberia.

Reportedly the area contains a giant shale oil field and the scientists speculate that the blast was set off to trigger production by fracturing the tight shale. The Russians have experimented with atomic blasts in the vicinity of oil fields in the past.

Reserves in this field have been estimated as high as 10 billion barrels, but so far only about 10 million barrels have been produced.



TREMENDOUS TIRE: The largest tire in the world, shown here in Akron, Ohio, USA, is 11 feet high and is used on massive earthmoving vehicles. A person appears as a cameo while looking into the inner rim.

Sudan receives fishing equipment Japan loans Egypt \$133m

TOKYO, Jan. 22 (R) — Japan plans to give Egypt official loans totalling \$133 million for projects to modernize agriculture, communications, electric power generation and transportation, the foreign ministry here said Tuesday.

The loans, from the government's overseas economic cooperation fund, will be for 30 years, including a 10-year grace period, with annual interest of three per cent.

The loans, which will be pledged for the financial year ending in March, compared with a total of \$125 million given to Egypt by Japan in fiscal 1978 to improve bilateral

Paris court rejects Citibank appeal

PARIS, Jan. 22 (AP) — A Paris civil court on Monday rejected an appeal by the Paris Branch of Citibank which had sought to free funds temporarily frozen at the request of Bank Markazi, Iran's central bank.

The ruling said that the blocked funds would be limited to \$51.7 million, adding that it was a "conservative" measure pending the final judgement on the case.

The freeze was carried out Wednesday on evidence Citibank, they second-largest bank in the United States, owed the Iranian Central Bank \$50 million. The sum was a fixed

economic ties, the ministry added.

Japan also has decided to provide \$833,000 worth of fishing equipment to Sudan to help that country to expand coastal fishing, the foreign ministry said Tuesday.

Japanese equipment and materials will include small-size ship engines, fishing nets, refrigerator trucks for use by the African country's government-run corporation, the ministry said.

In a separate grant aid to Sudan, Japan also will extend the equivalent of \$416,000 for improving nutrition standards of that country the ministry added.

deposit due for repayment Dec. 19. It was not repaid because of President Jimmy Carter's order for freezing Iranian deposits in American banks.

The Citibank funds were frozen at the Bank of France and at Banque Internationale Paribas L'Afrique Occidentale private bank which acts as a clearing body for Citibank Paris.

Market advances with brisk gains

NEW YORK, Jan. 22 — Monday, the market paid little attention to further reports of Soviet troop concentrations in the Near East and moved ahead briskly. The advance was broad with NYSE, ASE and OTC averages posting gains. The dollar displayed firmness in quiet European trading markets with gold up 15 at the London afternoon fix to 850. Volume amounted to 48.23 million shares compared with Friday's 47.15 million. Breadth was ahead sharply registering 914 advances, 641 declines with 376 remaining unchanged on the day. The Dow Jones Industrial Average had been strong throughout the session but gave up some points as the closing bell approached. It closed at 872.78, up 5.63 on the day. The Dow Transports were ahead substantially by 5.41 to 269.09. However, the Dow Utilities continued to display weakness which have characterized their recent performance with a 0.30 dip to 107.65. The AMEX was up 2.14 to 266.60 with the NASDAQ Composite at 157.34, up 1.30.

The aerospace sector continued to benefit from expectations of higher defense budgets. Boeing rose 1 1/2 to 64 1/2. General Dynamics was ahead 1 1/2 to 73 1/2. Northrop was up 1 to 53 and Raytheon rose 1/2 to 76 1/2.

The metal stocks reflected demand for issues with assets in the ground. Phelps Dodge was ahead 2 1/2 to 40. Newmont advanced 1 1/2 to 49 1/2. Kaiser aluminum advanced 1/2 to 22 1/2. However, there was profit taking in the precious metals sector. Homestake lost 1/2 to 60 1/2. ASA fell 1 1/2 to 49 1/2. Hecla Mining dipped 1 1/2 to 43. Day Mines eased 1 1/2 to 35 1/2. Running counter to this declining trend was Rosario Resources which climbed 3 1/2 to 72 1/2.

The continuing demand for energy stocks was apparent by near uniform strength within that group. Freeport Minerals bounded ahead 4 to 60 1/2. Standard Oil of Ohio rose 1/2 to 96. Halliburton advanced 3 1/2 to 93. Schlumberger closed at 100 1/2. Up 3 1/2: Marathon Oil was up 2 points to 55 1/2. Mobil rose 2 1/2 to 55 1/2.

Rails were extremely strong throughout the session with Burlington Northern advancing a substantial 4 1/2 points to 65 1/2. Union Pacific advanced 2 1/2 to 75 1/2 with Southern climbing 1 1/2 to 58 1/2.

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Foreign Exchange Rates

Quoted at 7:00 P.M. Tuesday

	SAMA	Cash	Transfer
U.S. Dollar	3.36	3.371	3.3625
Pound Sterling	7.70	7.71	7.69
Deutsche Mark (100)	195.00	195.50	194.50
Swiss F (100)	211.00	212.00	210.50
French F (100)	83.00	83.50	83.00
Italian Lira (10,000)	42.00	41.00	42.00
Lebanese Lira (100)		103.25	103.00
Syrian Lira (100)		83.50	86.60
Egyptian Pound		4.58	4.52
Kuwaiti Dinar		12.37	12.37
Jordanian Dinar		11.50	11.45
Emirates Dirham (100)		89.95	89.95
Qatari Riyal (100)		91.00	91.00
Bahraini Dinar		8.94	8.94
Iranian Riyal (100)		25.00	—
Iraqi Dinar (100)		10.00	—
Yemeni Riyal (100)		74.50	74.10
Moroccan Dirham (100)		85.00	91.00
Indian Rupee (100)		—	42.55
Pakistani Rupee (100)		—	34.15
Gold kg.		78,700.00	—
10 Tolas bar		9,300.00	—
Silver kg.		—	—
Japanese Yen (1,000)	14.40	—	14.15
Canadian Dollar	2.00	—	—
Belgian Franc (1,000)	120.00	119.00	—
Dutch Guilder (1,000)	176.00	176.80	176.30
Spanish Peso		50.00	51.50
Greek Drachma (1,000)		82.00	—
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Singapore		—	1.58

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5.	Lena Kay	O.Trade	Sorghum	5.1.80
6.	Larch	Alfreza	Containers/General	21.1.80
8.	Union Hodeidah	O.C.E.	Contrs./Barley	18.1.80
10N	Panormos	O.C.E.	Timber/Paper/Tiles	20.1.80
10S	Sea Star	Ba About	Durra	18.1.80
11.	Syros	O.C.E.	Frozen Poultry	18.1.80
12.	Rio Dulce	Alfreza	Tractors/Candy	18.1.80
13.	Barge 338-1	Gulf	Canned Food	18.1.80
15S	Fahad	Sadak	Bldg. Materials	18.1.80
15N	Mar Cadiz	O.C.E.	Durra	13.1.80
16.	Visurgis	H.S.S.C.	Citrus Fruits	21.1.80
18.	Achilleus	Roloeco	Bulk Cement	18.1.80
20.	North Empress	Red Sea	Rebar	11.1.80
22.	Kehera	Gulf	Gen/Steel/Timber	20.1.80
23.	Emanuel	O.C.E.	Reeler	22.1.80
25.	Lacortikos	Kanoo	Rice/Asbestos/Gen.	20.1.80
35.	Oakland	Razayat	Containers	21.1.80
41.	Apollonios 'A'	Alpha	Barley	16.1.80
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5.	Ocean Strenth	A.E.T.	General	21.1.80
9.	Elmani	Kanoo	General/Contrs	19.1.80
10.	New Beach	Gulf	Loading Urea	20.1.80
13.	Iligan	U.E.P.	General/Steel	22.1.80
16.	Herefordshire	Kanoo	General	21.1.80
21.	Forsythia (D.B.)	Alfreza	Bulk Cement	20.1.80
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25.	Hellenic Valour	Gulf	General	21.1.80
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" "	Demolition and reconstruction of Aal Saad mosque in Kahaf	400		Jan. 23
" "	Demolition and reconstruction of Saadiah mosque in Bisha area	500		Jan. 7
" "	Demolition and reconstruction of Ben Hamejan Al-Birk mosque in Qatif	400		Jan. 28
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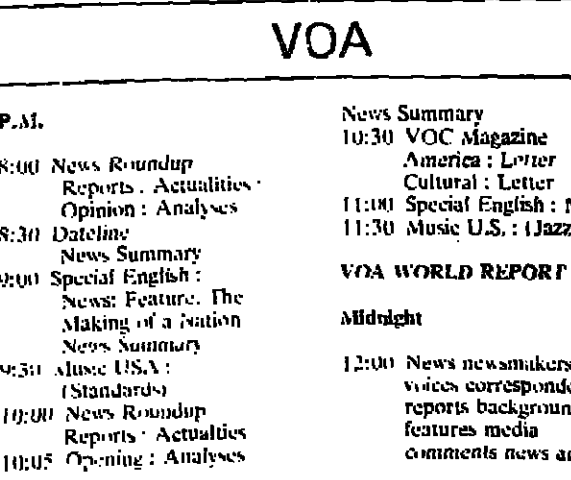
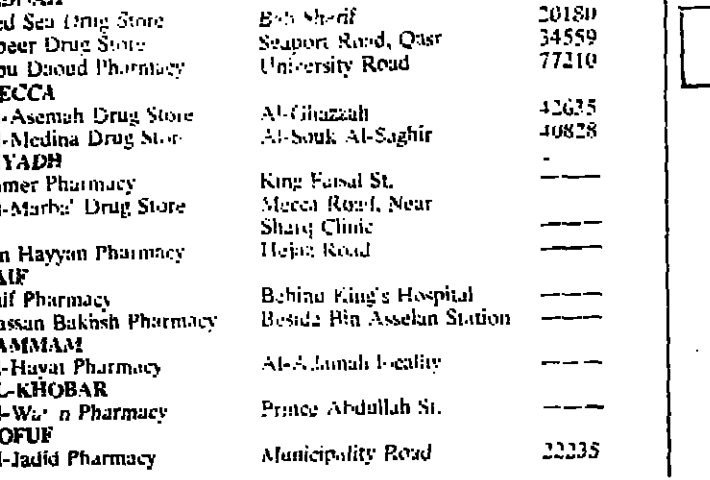
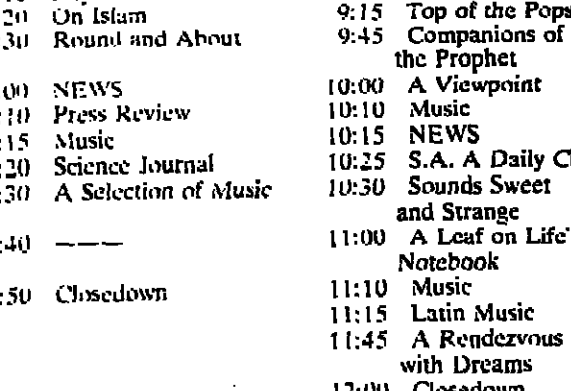
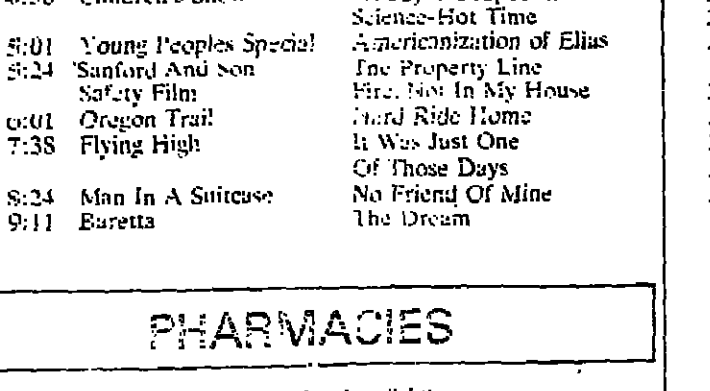
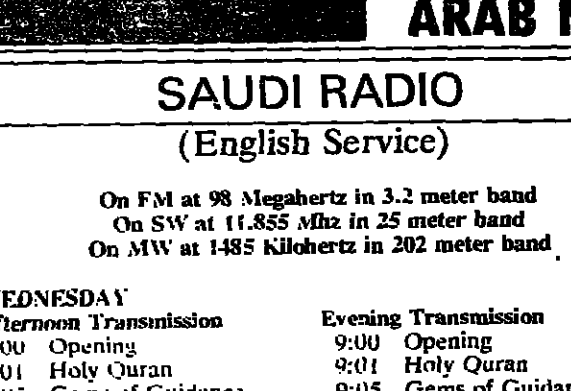
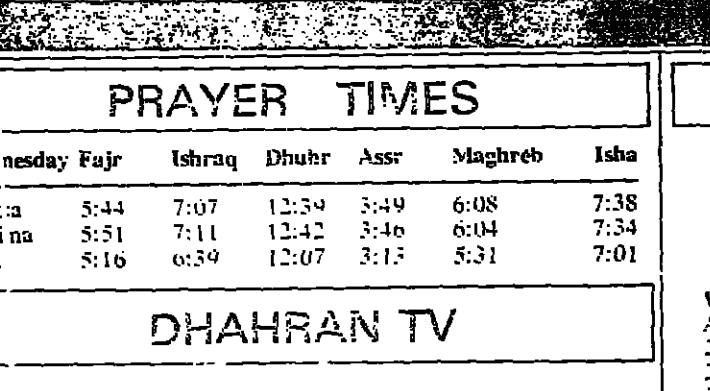
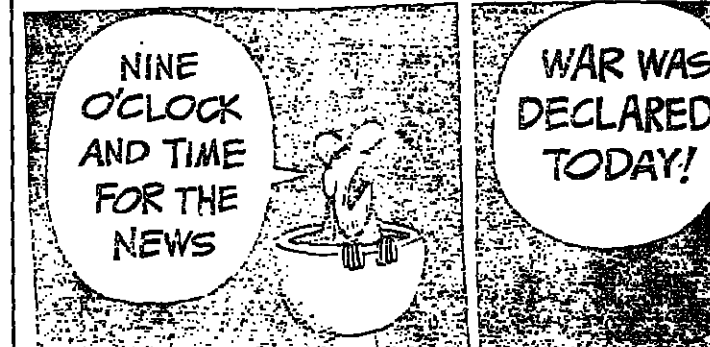
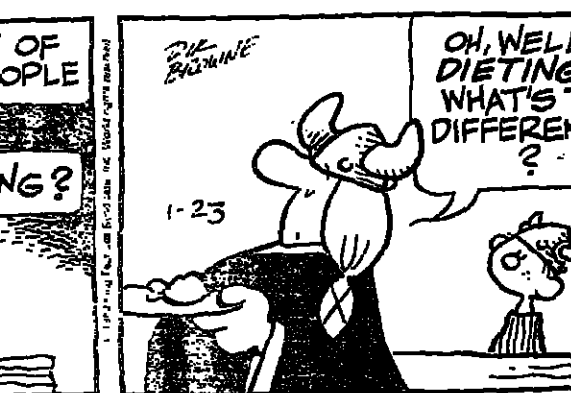
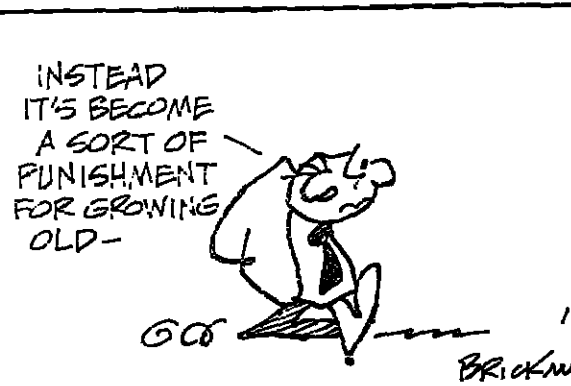
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- 1 U.S. missile
- 2 Stylized
- 3 Ladd's
- 4 "This Gun for..."
- 5 Keep secret
- 6 Indigo plant
- 7 Chant
- 8 Chemical
- 9 Initials
- 10 For Werner
- 11 Richard
- 12 Frequently
- 13 What most baseballers are
- 14 Manx or Slaneese
- 15 Like
- 16 Bill Walton
- 17 Bitter
- 18 White sauce
- 19 Scandi-navian bay
- 20 King: Lat.
- 21 Farm structure
- 22 Elec. unit
- 23 "La Bohème" role
- 24 Jutting hill
- 25 Likely
- 26 Tooth of a sea
- 27 - the score (pay old debts)
- 28 Chipped
- 29 Dwell

DOWN

- 1 Big Beverly
- 2 India's official language
- 3 Christie murder setting
- 4 Elec. unit
- 5 Engrave
- 6 Fox-seeking events
- 7 Follower of an Ism
- 8 Tyler's playing
- 9 Not cricket
- 10 Caroused
- 11 She: Fr.
- 12 Rita -
- 13 Have you seen this judge?
- 14 Get rid of
- 15 Fingers in miles
- 16 O'Neill play
- 17 Health club
- 18 Tummy
- 19 Tuck
- 20 Bea Arthur's TV role
- 21 Prunged
- 22 Fit to be tied
- 23 Franklin's "revels"
- 24 O'Neill play
- 25 Health club

Yesterday's Answer

- 1 One spade.
- 2 One notrump.
- 3 Two clubs.
- 4 Two diamonds.
- 5 Three diamonds.

Picture of both your distribution and your high-card values. Partner will naturally assume you have four-card spades length for the two spade bid, but you go correct that impression later on by raising him violently in clubs. Such a sequence would mark you with a singleton or void in hearts.

Possible alternative responses to two clubs are four clubs and five hearts.

4. Three clubs. You can't tell yet whether you belong in game; it depends mostly on the minimum or maximum values for the two diamond bid. Three clubs (forcing) is the beginning of an effort to reach five diamonds. You hope later to prove partner into game.

5. Four clubs. A small slam is practically certain and all your efforts should now be devoted to reaching a grand slam. You start the ball rolling by bidding four clubs. If partner responds four hearts, showing the ace, you bid four spades, also showing the ace. If partner then bids five clubs, showing the king, you go directly to seven diamonds. You should expect partner to have at least K-x-x-x of diamonds, the ace of hearts and king of clubs, and these goodies will probably produce 13 tricks.

Of course, partner may keep signing off regardless of how many grand slam tries you make. In that case, you settle for a small slam in diamonds.

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Bidding Quiz

You deal and open the bidding with One Diamond on this hand:

♠ A 9 10 ♠ A Q J 10 ♠ A Q J 10 ♠ A Q J 10

What would you bid next if partner responded with:

1. One spade.
2. One notrump.
3. Two clubs.
4. Two diamonds.
5. Three diamonds.

1. Two clubs. It is true you have 17 high-card points and good distribution, and might have had 13 high-card points and less attractive distribution. It could therefore be argued that a two club bid does not do justice to your hand, and that you should bid three clubs.

However, this argument is not sound. The fact is that the real value of your hand depends greatly on whether partner has good support for either diamonds or clubs. You should therefore tread gingerly before committing your side to a game. Do not be concerned by the possibility that partner may pass two clubs. There's very little chance of missing a game if he does.

2. Two clubs. There is even less chance of losing a game after partner responds one notrump, and again you bid only two clubs.

3. Two spades. There is no fully adequate rebid you can make at this point; the problem now is how to point a

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Medina: 5:51	7:11	12:42	3:46	6:04	7:34
Nejd: 5:16	6:39	12:07	3:15	5:31	7:01

DHAHRAN TV

4:30	Children's Show	Woody Woodpecker: Science-Hot Time
5:01	Young Peoples Special	Americanization of Elias
5:24	Sanford And Son	Inc Property Line
	Safety Film	Fire: Not In My House
6:01	Oregon Trail	Hard Ride Home
7:38	Flying High	It Was Just One Of Those Days
8:34	Man In A Suitcase	No Friend Of Mine
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2:20 On Islam	9:15 Top of the Pops
2:30 Round and About	9:45 Companions of the Prophet
3:00 NEWS	10:00 A Viewpoint
3:10 Press Review	10:10 Music
3:15 Music	10:15 NEWS
3:20 Science Journal	10:25 S.A. Daily Chronicle
3:30 A Selection of Music	10:30 Sounds Sweet and Strange
3:40 ---	11:00 A Leaf on Life's Notebook
3:50 Closedown	11:10 Music
	11:15 Latin Music
	11:45 A Rendezvous with Dreams
	12:00 Closedown

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P.M.	News Summary
8:00 News Roundup	10:30 VOC Magazine
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9.30 Opera Star	7.09 Commentary
10.00 World News	7.15 Sherlock Holmes
10.09 Twenty-Four Hours News Summary	7.45 World Today
10.30 Sarah Ward	8.00 World News
10.45 Something to Show You	8.09 Books and Writers
11.00 World News	8.30 Take One
11.09 Reflections	8.45 Sports Round-up
11.15 Piano Style	9.00 World News
11.30 Brain of Britain 1978	9.09 News about Britain
12.00 World News	9.15 Radio Newsreel
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12.15 World Today	10.00 Outlook News Summary
12.30 Financial News	10.39 Stock Market Report
12.40 Look Ahead	10.43 Look Ahead
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1.30 Discovery	12.15 Talkabout
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2.30 Sports International	1.25 Financial News
2.40 Radio Newsreel	1.35 Book Choice
3.15 Promenade Concert	1.40 Reflections
3.45 Sports Round-up	1.45 Sports Round-up
4.00 World News	2.00 World News
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Your Individual Horoscope

Frances Drake

FOR WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23, 1980

What kind of day will tomorrow be? To find out what the stars say, read the forecast given for your birth sign.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) ♈
Attendance at a party now could lead to an invitation to travel. Welcome the chance to expand your circle of friends.

Taurus (Apr. 20 to May 20) ♉
Business opportunities are highlighted, and you seem to have more than one iron in the fire. Investigate retirement and pension plans.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) ♊
You have every right to feel optimistic about a close contact, and today's shared pleasures should further that closeness!

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) ♋
Knowing that others appreciate you enables you to really put your heart into your work today. Superiors will take notice, too!

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) ♌
Capitalize on favorable trends for promoting heart interests and partnership concerns. You seem to want to give others your very best - and should!

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) ♍
If you feel you have too much to do, in general this is a

favorable time for hiring household help. In any case, tackle chores with gusto!

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) ♎
A good time for dropping in on neighbors. You may find that you have much in common with someone whom heretofore you thought of as just an acquaintance.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) ♏
Fortunate business developments now give you much to be thankful for. Shopping may lead to an extra-special item for the home.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) ♐
Others are receptive to your ideas now. Avoid idle chatter and communicate those thoughts which are truly important to you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) ♑
Though others may not notice, you'll lay the groundwork now for important financial developments that will pay off later.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) ♒
An excellent time for circulating among friends, attending group functions, and generally making a good impression on others.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to Mar. 20) ♓
Someone may have put in a good word for you. In any case, a new career opportunity is practically yours for the asking. Be attentive.

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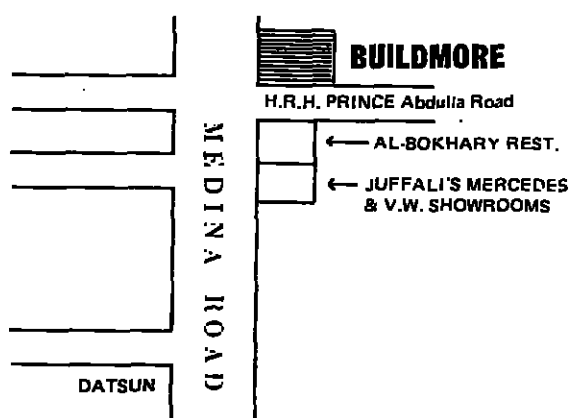
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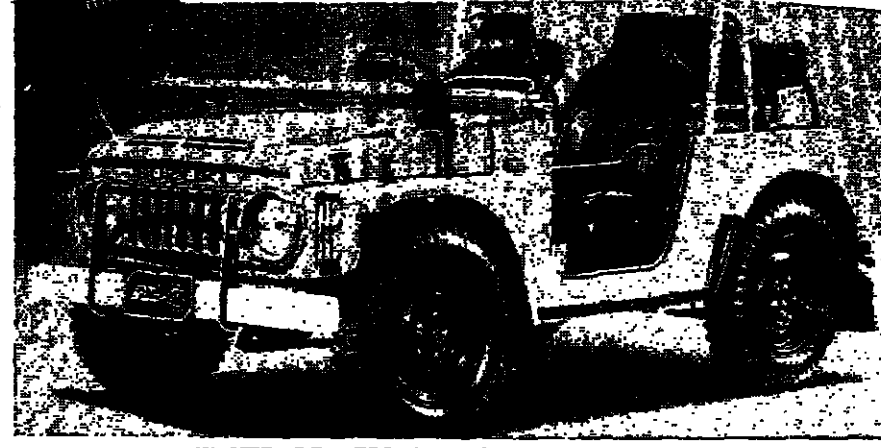
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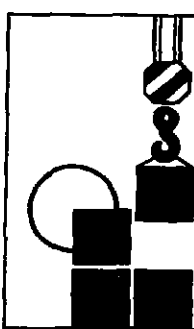
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Iran anxiously awaits first presidential vote

TEHRAN, Jan. 22 (R) — On ballot papers which invoke the name of Allah, but not those of the candidates, Iranians will on Friday cast their votes for the first president in the history of their country.

With more than 100 candidates originally in the race, the Interior Ministry side-stepped the issue of listing them all on the ballot by leaving a blank space for voters to write in their choice.

For the more than 50 per cent of Adult Iranians who are illiterate this will mean calling on the help of their local Mullah or perhaps an electoral official to cast their ballot for them.

The possibilities for fraud which the procedure implies might have been expected to cause uproar among the electorate, but Iranians are so enthused about the prospect of making the first real electoral choice of their lifetimes that they seem happy to trust the system.

Previous polls in the post-revolutionary period have dealt with black and white issues and foregone conclusions — Islamic republic or monarchy? Islamic constitution, yes or no?

This time the electorate is faced with a real choice basically involving a handful of leading candidates who are likely to be judged on personality rather than policies.

The authorities have whittled down the original plethora of candidates to an official

eight who are allowed broadcasting time to present their electoral programs. But votes for the outsiders will be duly counted.

The top eight all fulfill the basic requirements for election — they are men, they are Shi'ite Muslims and they enjoy the confidence, or so they tell their election audiences, of Iran's revolutionary leader, Ayatollah Khomeini.

Although the powers of the president are clearly defined in the men constitution, the actual use made of them will depend on who is elected.

The president is constitutionally inferior to Khomeini and his relationship with the as yet unselected Council of Guardians will probably be defined by the man himself.

The Iranian who steps into the presidential office for the next four years has the authority to nominate the prime minister, sign treaties and international agreements and send back proposed legislation to the cabinet.

On paper the president's powers pale in comparison with those of Khomeini, who has the power to dismiss him and exceeds him in authority over the armed forces and the law.

Confronted by a list of more than 100 names, Khomeini this month waived his constitutional right to weed out the candidates and said he would leave it to the people to make their choice.

He later accused the bulk of minor candidates of bringing the election into disrepute by putting their names forward in the first place and branded them as brainless pervers and counter revolutionaries.

His outburst gave the electoral and broadcasting authorities the opportunity to reduce the official field to eight.

They are Abolhassan Bani-Sadr, French-trained economist and proponent of nationalization; Hassan Habibi, who has clergy backing as well as close contacts with leftist politicians; Ahmad Madani, former naval commander and favorite of the middle classes; Dariush Forouhar, right-wing nationalist jailed under the Shah's regime; Sadeq Ghotbzadeh, the foreign minister who returned from exile with Khomeini; Sadeq Tabatabai, former government spokesman and son-in-law of the revolutionary leader; Kazem Sami, who failed as health minister to push through a national health bill and enjoys some support among left-wing and radical Islamic Groups; and Hassan Ayat, a member of the central committee of the Islamic Republican party.

Fifty-eight other candidates have been declared eligible to be elected in the unlikely event that they receive enough votes.

The election looks like being a three-cornered fight between Bani-Sadr, Habibi and Madani. Bani-Sadr, the finance minister, has said he is confident he will receive more than 50 per cent of the votes cast on Friday and so be elected on the first round.

If no clear winner emerges, the two top candidates will go forward to a run-off on Feb. 8.

Khomeini's refusal to name a favorite has done much to make the election an open race.

A second factor has been the disarray of the usually monolithic Islamic Republican party Iran's largest party, following the withdrawal of its official candidate, Jaleddin Farsi, who was disqualified when it was discovered he had an Afghan father.

It has been thought that the party's efficient election machine would have been powerful enough to get the little-known university professor elected.

The party has yet to recover from the crisis and, although its machinery is likely to be put at the service of Habibi, it has refrained from making him its official candidate.

Habibi also has the backing of the important clerical societies around the country who exert a strong influence on village Mullahs and hence on the electorate.

But in an election in which ideological differences are thin and personality is everything, Habibi seems too much of a last-minute compromise to match the charisma of a Bani-Sadr or a Madani.

Bani-Sadr is campaigning on his plans to revive the economy with a unique program combining revolutionary theory and Koranic law. He has a microfilmed filing system which relates all aspects of economic life to the appropriate verses of the Koran.

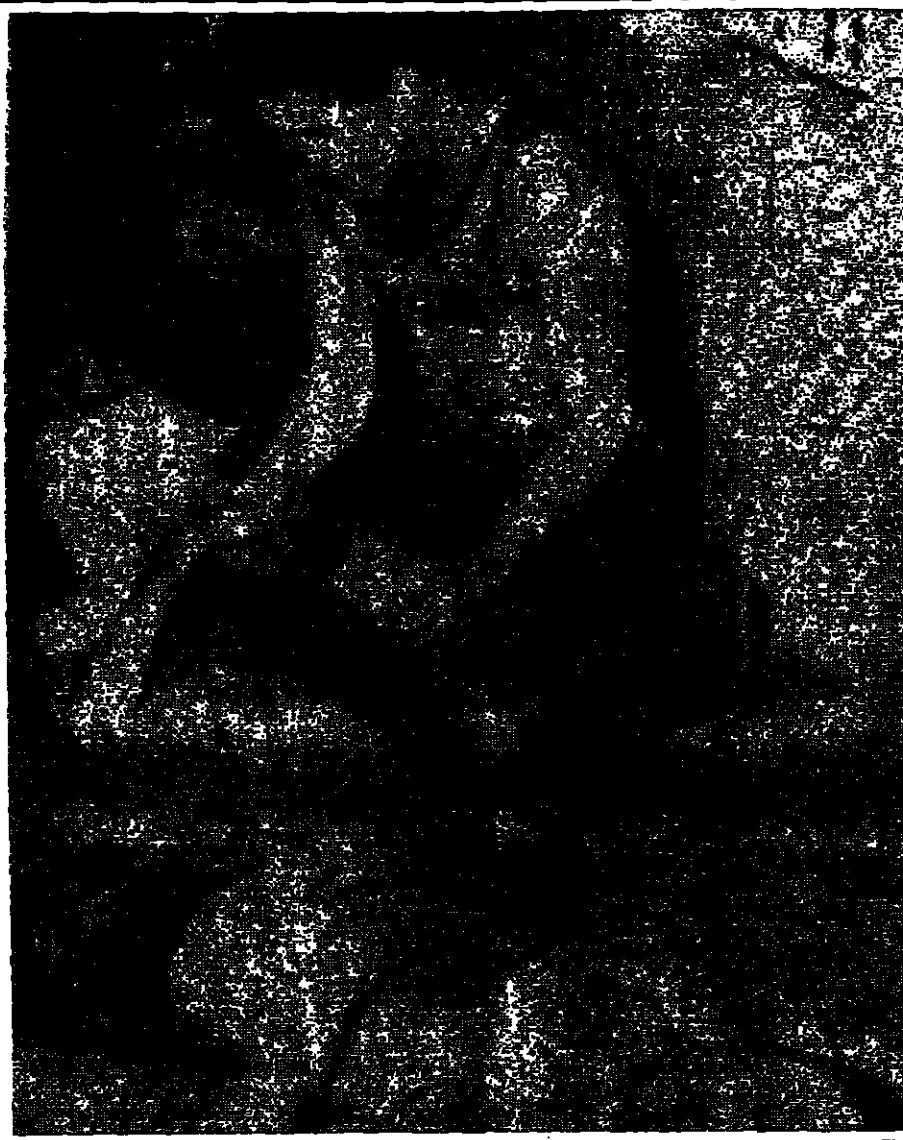
While being an outspoken anti-American, a prerequisite for the holder of Iran's highest elective office, he showed during his brief tenure at the Foreign Ministry last November that he felt the U.S. embassy hostage affair a misguided adventure.

Madani projects the aura of potential strongman, an image based on his successful if ruthless crushing of Arab unrest in the southern province of Khuzestan.

His critics, particularly on the left, have hinted they have documents linking him with counter-revolution but he has so far survived the recent headlong purge of leftist politicians and will probably capture the bulk of the middle class and secular vote.

A notable absentee from Friday's poll is former Premier Mehdi Bazargan, once considered a favorite for the presidency. His chances were effectively dashed by the Muslim students, holding the U.S. Embassy, who denounced his leftist freedom movement as the stooge of U.S. imperialism.

His middle of the road line is probably best represented in Friday's poll by Habibi, a close colleague of the former premier.



GRIEF: A man grasps the hand of a friend killed when a section of wooden grandstand collapsed at a Sincelojo, Colombia, bullring. Authorities say the death toll may rise as high as 300.

In disaster-ridden Colombia Bullring toll may reach 300

BOGOTA, Colombia, Jan. 22 (R) — The death toll from the fourth major disaster in Colombia in only two months could rise as high as 300, Red Cross officials said Tuesday.

So far, 222 bodies have been pulled from the wreckage of five temporary wooden stands which collapsed during a bullfight in the square of the Caribbean coast town of Sincelojo on Sunday, public health minister Alfonso Jaramillo said.

But some local families took away their dead and buried them privately without informing the authorities, the Red Cross officials said.

Another 500 people were injured. Most of them have concussions, broken limbs or spinal injuries, the officials said.

It was the world's worst sporting tragedy since May 24, 1964 when more than 300 people died in a Lima, Peru, football stadium after the referee disallowed a Peruvian goal against Argentina and the crowd rioted.

When the stands at Sincelojo collapsed, they were crowded with people watching

bullfighting on the second day of an annual five-day festival. Many more had taken shelter underneath from heavy rain minutes before.

Less than two months ago, Colombia was shaken by an earthquake in which 45 people died and over 500 were injured. The following week, at least 100 people drowned and another 150 went missing when floods covered large areas in the center of the country.

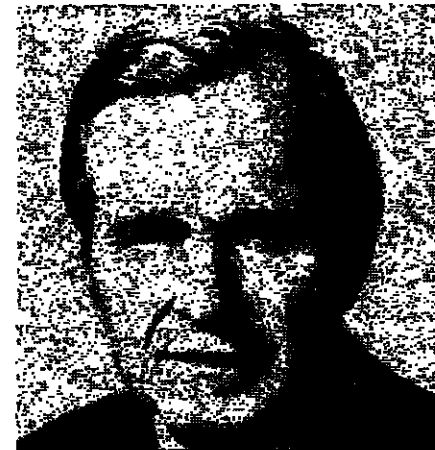
Another earthquake on December 12 killed over 650 people and destroyed the houses of about 80,000 others.

The Colombian government was rushing more medicine, doctors, nurses and orthopedic equipment to hospitals in the Sincelojo area Tuesday.

Town authorities have set up a commission to investigate the cause of the disaster. Meanwhile they have stopped the fiesta which attracts thousands of amateur bullfighters who try their luck alongside the professionals.



President Carter



George Bush

Kennedy vows to fight on

Carter grabs Iowa victory

DES MOINES, Iowa, Jan. 22 (R) — President Jimmy Carter scored a stunning 2-1 victory over Senator Edward Kennedy Tuesday in the first major popularity test of the 1980 battle for the White House.

With 97 per cent of the Democratic votes counted in the Iowa presidential preference caucuses, Carter had 59 per cent of the vote to 31 per cent for the Senator, his challenger for the Democratic nomination.

His victory seemed based on wide public support for his handling of the crises in Iran and Afghanistan. Halting grain sales to the Soviet Union, unpopular with farmers in this grain-producing state, appeared to have had little impact.

But Kennedy, conceding defeat, immediately pledged to fight on all the way to the Democratic convention.

Ten per cent of the 100,000 Democrats taking part in their party's caucuses voted for uncommitted delegates.

California Governor Edmund Brown, who four days ago effectively withdrew from the race by asking his supporters to vote uncommitted, received only a handful of votes.

With 67 per cent of the Republican votes counted, outsider George Bush held a 33 to

28 per cent lead over Ronald Reagan, the man the polls say will be the Republican presidential nominee for 1980.

Bush, a former director of the central Intelligence Agency, congressman and envoy to China and the United Nations, told supporters: "I'm absolutely convinced I will be your next president."

Bush, one of the few Republican leaders untainted by the Watergate scandal, wanted recognition and media coverage, which he will surely get because all eyes were on Iowa as the first major popularity test in the 1980 presidential campaign.

Bush took a leaf from Carter's 1976 campaign book and concentrated on launching his White House bid in Iowa.

Carter was the little-known Governor of Georgia when he blitzed the state to win the Democratic caucuses, a triumph that boosted him from obscurity to the presidency.

That year Carter spent 17 days campaigning in Iowa.

Bush is not as suave and polished as Reagan, does not have the imposing presence and hard-hitting rhetoric of former Texas Governor John Connally, nor the personal warmth and charm of Senator Baker, the other major Republican contenders.

Good Morning

By Jihad Khazen

On one page of one of London's major newspapers last weekend, I read four stories. Two of them made me thank my stars that nothing like this happens in the Arab world; and the other two made me despair of ever catching up with some aspects of life here — not in my lifetime at least.

The first story is of a young man who bought his girlfriend a dog as a Christmas present. The girl then appeared to fall for the dog more than for the giver. The man felt neglected. He brooded — not very long, it all happened since Christmas — and then went out and killed the dog. The court found jealousy no sufficient excuse — especially jealousy of a dog. He was sent to prison for six months and barred from owning a dog for ten years. The paper did not publish the disappointed lover's picture. We thus did not have the pleasure of seeing this man who lost his love to a mere dog.

The second story is of the row over the record Monty Python's Life of Brian — this is the record of a film which has already caused a great deal of trouble in London, and was banned in several areas. Like the film the record is nothing but a scurrilous and thoroughly witless attack on Christianity and its founder. Ireland has already banned the film and record.

Translated from Ashraf Al-Awsat

and there is pressure here to do the same.

Now for the good stories. A Conservative member of parliament of very long standing died here recently. When his estate was inventoried it amounted to exactly £2569, which meant £1901 after taxes. The man was in public life for about thirty years — and this is all he had to bequeath his heirs. What made me despair was the thought of how much a man of comparable public standing in our own world would leave. May, how much each of his relatives and hangers on would leave through merely the honor of having been related to or being in the service of, such a man. Britain, despite all of its other troubles, is still alright in this respect.

The fourth story is a publisher — of important publications and very long and high standing — who was brought to court charged with fixing his circulation figures. The legal battle is going on and, if found guilty, there is a possibility of a term in prison as well as a large fine. This impressed me because, back home, falsifying circulation figures is the norm rather than the exception. Not only it is not considered a crime, but is actively encouraged. I know of no single incident in which a publisher admitted a fall in circulation: all such figures go up and up, even when the paper concerned is dying on its feet.

Soviet science boss fired; Sakharov seized by police

MOSCOW, Jan. 22 (Agencies) — The official Tass news agency Tuesday reported that Vladimir A. Kirillin, chairman of the powerful State Committee of Science and Technology, had been relieved of his duties "at his request."

But Western diplomats in Moscow said they think the 67-year-old power engineering specialist was fired because his organization was not living up to the standards set by the ruling Communist party Politburo.

Meanwhile, Nobel peace laureate and dissident leader Andrei Sakharov was seized Monday by police on a Moscow street and taken away, apparently under arrest, an unidentified woman told Western reporters by telephone.

Foreign correspondents who went immediately to Sakharov's apartment were stopped at the door by two uniformed policemen who led them back to the elevator and said: "Everything will be announced shortly."

At the last session of the party's Central Committee plenum, Soviet President Leonid I. Brezhnev, in an unusual move, criticized a number of department heads and listed them by name.

Kirillin was not named by Brezhnev but the Science and Technology committee was. That fact linked with a newspaper article Kirillin wrote criticizing himself last Sept. 15 is the evidence the diplomats cite for their belief that the scientist was fired and had not resigned as Tass implied.

The one-paragraph Tass announcement provided no clues.

It was thought that Kirillin's career was most closely tied to that of Soviet Premier Alexei N. Kosygin, who has not been seen in public for about four months. Kirillin's deputy on the state committee is Dzermen M. Gvishiani, Kosygin's son-in-law.

As chairman of the committee, Kirillin was responsible for overseeing and coordinating scientific research and approving budgets for scientific projects.

His committee also was charged with assessing the technical level of Soviet products and the production process. The committee also advises the Soviet government on where it should spend its research money.

Brezhnev could have been directly referring to Kirillin and his committee last November at the party Central Committee meeting when he complained about economic shortcomings.

Brezhnev noted, for example, that "enormous efforts" had been put into completing large factories to produce fertilizer but that fertilizer production still was below plan.

"Now it turns out," Brezhnev said, "that there aren't enough raw materials and natural gas (for fertilizer production). What were people thinking about beforehand? Why did they give out money to build the factories if they weren't sure they would be able to function?"

Diplomats here said they doubt that the recent U.S. embargo on exports of high-technology to the Soviets had any bearing on Kirillin's departure from his high government post.

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